

## Distribution of Holy Communion

*So that the distribution of communion may proceed as safely as possible, it will be done in silence. Therefore at this point we collectively acclaim the Body and Blood of the Lord:*

*As the celebrant presents the Blessed Sacrament he says*  
The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

*As the celebrant presents the Precious Blood he says*  
The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

**Worshippers are reminded that the entirety of the sacrament is received when only the Blessed Sacrament (the consecrated bread) is consumed – the priest (only) will consume the Precious Blood**

**Ministers of the Sacrament will have sanitised their hands with alcohol-based gel**

**You are requested to maintain a distance of at least 1 metre as you queue to receive the Sacrament and to stand on the carpet at the front of the nave.**

**The Blessed Sacrament will then be ‘dropped’ into your outstretched hands without any additional words being spoken**

## Prayer after Communion

*stand*

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

*stand and bow your head*

The Lord be with you.

**All And with thy spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Please be aware of the need for social distancing as you leave the church.*

*There will be an opportunity to donate to the ongoing work of the church on a plate by the door.*

*If you would prefer to donate by BACS (online), the account for St John's Bathwick (Nat West Bank) is 50935607 and the sort code is 600205.*

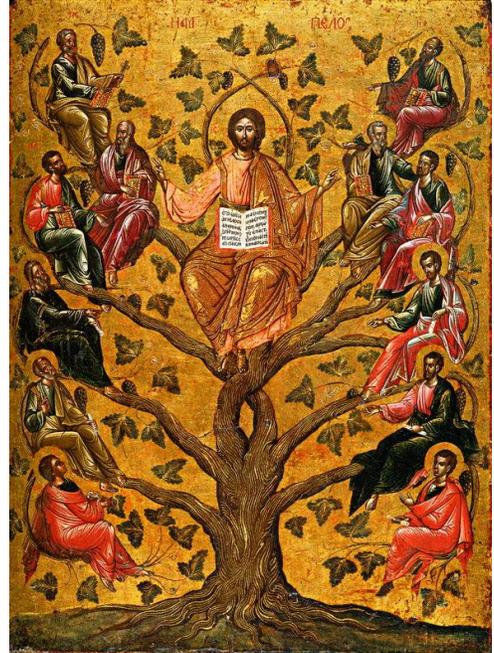
*Many thanks for your generosity*

**Thank you for joining us for our worship this morning.**

**Please take this service-sheet and the weekly notice-sheet home with you to inform your prayer and reflection during the coming week.**

# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist Bathwick

2 May 2021  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



Greek Orthodox icon, *Christ the True Vine* (16<sup>th</sup> century)

## THE REGINA CÆLI

*The Regina Cæli is said or sung before Mass*

**All Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen. Alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!**

Priest Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

**All For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Priest Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ didst vouchsafe to give joy to the whole world: grant, we beseech thee, that aided by the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MASS

### Welcome and Introduction

*stand as the bell rings*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Invitation to confession

*The priest uses this or another similar invitation to confession*

In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him as we confess our  
sins in penitence and faith.

**All** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against thee,  
through our own fault,  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past:  
and grant that we may serve thee  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

**Kyrie eleison.** *Lord, have mercy.*  
**Christe eleison.** *Christ, have mercy.*  
**Kyrie eleison.** *Lord, have mercy.*

*The celebrant proclaims God's forgiveness in these or similar words:*

May almighty God have mercy upon us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Gloria in excelsis

**All** Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

*the prayer of the day*

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words  
'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

Almighty ever-living God,  
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism  
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit  
and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

*The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our  
Saviour gave us:

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant us peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours, now and for ever. Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

## Agnus Dei

**All** Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world: grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

*The priest invites us to receive the communion of Jesus' body and blood:*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him that takest away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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come under my roof: but speak the word only,  
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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### The Peace

*stand*

*The priest uses this or other similar words:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then they rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and with thy spirit.**

*the Peace may only be shared verbally with  
your immediate neighbours  
without any physical contact*

### Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice

have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,

grant, we pray,

that, as we have come to know your truth,

we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

**All and with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is meet and right so to do.**

*The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts and we respond:*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant recalls Jesus' words at the Last Supper, and this acclamation is used*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer of consecration ends:*

...through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour is yours,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*sit as we listen to the scriptures of the day*

### First Reading

*Acts 9:26-31*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 22:25-32*

**R/ You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

- 1 My vows I will pay before those who fear him;  
the poor shall eat and have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him,  
may their hearts live for ever and ever! R/
- 2 All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R/
- 3 And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him;  
they shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn;  
'These things the Lord has done.' R/

### Epistle Reading

*1 John 3:18-24*

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience  
and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.  
This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*stand*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you:  
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-8*

The Lord be with you.

**All And with thy spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**All Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit  
he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,  
you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in  
plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,  
and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much  
fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

### Sermon

*sit*

### The Creed

*stand*

**All I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God.  
Begotten of the Father before all worlds.  
God of God, light of light, very God of very God.  
Begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father:  
by whom all things were made.  
Who for us men, and for our salvation came down  
from heaven.  
And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the  
Virgin Mary: and was made man.  
And was crucified also for us,  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered and was buried.  
And the third day he rose again,  
according to the scriptures.  
And ascended into heaven:  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.  
And he shall come again with glory to judge  
both the quick and the dead:  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the Lord the giver of life:  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshipped and glorified:  
who spake by the prophets.  
And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic  
church.  
I acknowledge one baptism  
for the remission of sins.  
And I look for the resurrection of the dead.  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayers of the Faithful

*kneel or sit*

*The prayers are introduced by the priest*

*One of these responses may be used*

Lord, in thy mercy (or) Lord, hear us.

**All hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**