

Prayers after Communion

stand, sit or kneel

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**

Announcements

sit

Final Hymn

stand

hymnbook 500 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

Blessing and Dismissal

bow your head

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Organ voluntary

John Cook (1918-84),
Introduction and Toccata on 'Divinum mysterium'

*There is the opportunity to donate to the ongoing work
of the church and to the weekly alms collection
on a plate at the back of church.*

*We now also have a "Chip and Pin" machine for
donations to the church.*

*If you would prefer to donate by BACS (online),
the account for St Mary's Bathwick PCC
(Nat West Bank) is 00233331
and the sort code is 560034.*

Many thanks for your generosity

**Thank you for joining us this morning.
Please join us in the church hall for refreshments
after the service.**

**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 Mary the Virgin Bathwick

**22 January 2023
3rd Sunday after Epiphany**



sculpture by Rafael Consuegra (b.1941), *The Fishermen* (1991)

Music before the service

Flor Peeters (1903-86), *Chorale Prelude on 'Stuttgart'*

Opening Hymn

stand as bell rings

hymnbook 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Welcome and Introduction

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

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Invitation to confession

In today's gospel, John the Baptist tells his disciples that
Jesus begins his public ministry with a summons, 'Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' For the times we
have failed to hear his call, let us ask for his forgiveness...

Lord Jesus, you fulfil what the prophets foretold:

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the light of the world and the salvation
of the peoples:

Christ, have mercy:

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you call us to leave everything else behind and
follow you:

Lord, have mercy:

Lord, have mercy.

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

All **Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.**

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:

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father:
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer:

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God...

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 God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

sit as we listen to the scriptures of the day

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he
will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the
Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world: grant us thy peace.

Invitation to Communion

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

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive the consecrated bread and wine
or to come to the altar rail for a blessing. If you would prefer a blessing,
please hold a copy of this service paper as a sign that this is your preference.*

In response to the words 'The Body of Christ' and
'The Blood of Christ' the communicant replies **Amen.**

**Worshippers are reminded that the entirety
of the sacrament is received when only the Blessed
Sacrament (the consecrated bread) is consumed –
please refrain from receiving the Precious Blood
if suffering from cold/flu symptoms
or if anxious about Covid or other infectious diseases**

Communion Hymn

hymnbook 353 **Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

Communion Motet

Richard Shephard (1949-2021), arr. Gary Desmond,
In a world where people walk in darkness

In a world where people walk in darkness
Let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the Daystar scattering our night.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

In a world where suffering of the helpless
Casts a shadow all along the way,
Let us bear the Cross of Christ with gladness
And proclaim the dawning of the day.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Let us light a candle in the darkness,
In the face of death, a sign of life.
As a sign of hope where all seems hopeless,
As a sign of peace in place of strife.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them,
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and the choir leads our response:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! *Statham in D*

kneel as the bell rings

The priest 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:

...by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
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 as our Saviour has taught 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and 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.**

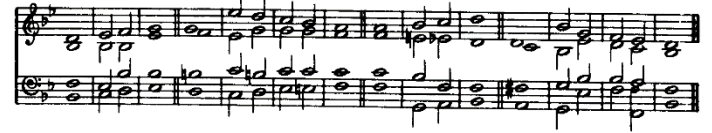
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

verses from Psalm 27

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- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation, * whom then | shall I | fear : the Lord is the strength of my life, * of whom then | shall I | be a- | fraid ?
- 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord which I | will re- | quire : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, * to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, * | and to | visit · his | temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me | in his | tabernacle : yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, * and set me up up- | on a | rock of | stone.
- 6 And now shall he lift | up mine | head : above mine | ene- · mies | round a- | bout me.
- †7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with | great | gladness : I will sing and speak | praises | unto · the | Lord.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

stand

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations:
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he
withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in
Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and
Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet
Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles –
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting
a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to
them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’
Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went
from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee
and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee,
mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left
the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom
and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

sit

The Creed

stand

**All We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We 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 your 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

The Peace

stand

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace (please respect Covid protocols).

Offertory Hymn

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented at the altar
whilst a hymn is sung.*

hymnbook 339 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Prayer over the Gifts

The priest may say

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.**