

*(We offer one another a word of peace.
Please feel free to sit during the song)*

Offering Song *(Recorded music)*

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction of Christ's peace
might be laid down.

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

(John L Bell and Graham Maule)

Liturgy of the Sacrament

(Separate sheet)

The Communion

*(All are invited to receive, standing at the
front of the altar rail)*

Thanksgiving and Blessing

Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

**Father, your steadfast purpose is the
completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the
pledges of the kingdom, live by
faith, walk in hope and be renewed
in love, until the world reflects your
glory and you are all in all; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The living Christ make you faithful and
strong to walk his way on this earth,
that one day you may rise with him in
glory; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.
Amen.

Sending Out

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Welcome to St John's

16th May 2021 Easter 7



- You are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion.
- The celebrant is **Revd Steve Butler**.
- At present we are only able to receive communion 'in one kind', that is, only the communion wafer (the celebrant will receive the wine on behalf of all). To receive, please come forward, one household at a time, and use the hand sanitiser both before and after you receive.
- The service is live-streamed to YouTube, where a recording will be available for a week or two - please see the church website for the link.

Opening Song *(Recorded music)*

Here I stand at the door and knock
I will come and dine
with those who ask me in

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts
are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the
only Lord. You shall love the Lord your
God with all your heart, with all your
soul,
with all your mind
and with all your strength."
The second is this:
"Love your neighbour as yourself."

There is no other commandment
greater than these.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

(Silence)

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the
Body of Christ that we have sinned in
thought, word and deed, and in what
we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of
evil, for the sake of your Son who
died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy
Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *(Recorded music)*

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Aleluia, Alleluia *(Taize)*

Collect *(Easter 7)*

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Psalm

Psalm 1

1:1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

1:2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

1:3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

1:4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

1:5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

1:6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

You'll be happy if you turn away from the people leading you astray, all the ones with nothing good to say - and be delighted in the words and ways of God
the words and ways of God
the words and ways of God.

You will flourish like a watered tree giving fruit to everyone for free, growing strong and green continually -

always delighted in the words and the ways of God.

the words and ways of God
the words and ways of God.

Wicked people all will know defeat, hang their heads before the judgement seat,

blown like litter on a windy street - so be delighted in the words and the ways of God.

the words and ways of God
the words and ways of God.

(Suzanne Butler and Steve Butler)

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, And shall be forever. Amen

First Reading

1 John 5:9-13

5:9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 5:10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 5:11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel

(The acclamation- recorded music)

Alleluia

(When the reading is announced, we say)

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

John 17:6-19

17:6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 17:7 Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 17:8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 17:9 I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 17:10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 17:11 And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 17:12 While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 17:13 But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 17:14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17:15 I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 17:16 They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth;

your word is truth. 17:18 As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

(At the end)

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Reflection

Steve

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

(Prayer is offered: for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members)

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.