

# The Churches of the Parish of Berkswich

*in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield*

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2020

*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

## Streamed Eucharist with Act of Spiritual Communion



### The gathering

God's loving kindness endures for ever. So let us bring our lives before God in worship and pray that God's love renews our hearts and minds.

**Through all the changing scenes of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.**

**O magnify the Lord with me,  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.**

**The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliverance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.**

**O make but trial of his love,  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide!**

**Fear him, ye saints, and you will then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore**

*Nahum Tate (1652-1715)*

### The greeting

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### The Act of Penitence

We come to bring God the truth of our lives, neither trying to hide nor to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to. God knows us, and waits to pour mercy into our repentant hearts.

We have not loved our neighbours, nor even our family members, as ourselves.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have not been willing to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have not loved God with our whole hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Words of forgiveness

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve ✠ you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## Gloria

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 for the day

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

### First reading Romans 12:1-8

#### A reading from the letter to the Romans

*True worship is about allowing God's mercy to renew our minds and transform our lives – then we will be able to know and do the right thing.*

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but

to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

16:13-20

### Glory to you, O Lord.

*The question of all questions – who is Jesus? We hear Peter's answer, and we hear Jesus' response to it – that the Church will be built upon the faith that he has declared.*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Homily

### Affirmation of faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.  
**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,  
the only Son from before time began;  
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;  
**fully God and fully human; human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father, as human he is less than the Father.  
**Although he is both divine and human he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh, but by taking humanity into God;  
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead, but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being so the one Christ is both divine and human.  
**The Word became flesh and lived among us; we have seen his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*from the Athanasian Creed*

### Prayers of Intercession

Let us bring our prayers to the God who walks with us through every season of our lives, confident that God knows our need and hears our prayers.

Lord, hear us

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*at the end*

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

## The Peace

As in one body there are many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ. We meet in his name and share his peace  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Prayer

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor, who fills our praise.  
**Blessed be God forever**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your ✠ Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Thomas, St Chad, all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. ✠ **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray in the words that Jesus taught his disciples:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on  
earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily  
bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us. Lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. 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*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**  
We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share your resurrection.**  
Live in us,  
**that we may live in you**

## **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*As you look on to the consecrated elements - the Body and Blood of Our Lord present in the Bread and Wine, say these words*

**In union, dear Father, with Christian  
people throughout the world and across  
the centuries gathered to make  
Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and  
receiving the Precious Body and Blood,  
I offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
Even though I am exiled from tasting  
the Bread of Heaven and drinking the  
Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me  
with all the baptised and with your Son  
who gave his life for us.  
Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send  
your Holy Spirit that I may be filled  
with your presence.**

## **Prayer after communion**

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The dismissal

**Send, O God, your Holy Spirit  
on your people gathered here.  
Fill our lives with gentle courage;  
let your love cast out our fear.**

**Every perfect gift is given  
by the God whose name we bear  
to equip the saints of Jesus  
for the saving work we share.**

**Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,  
gifts of faith and healing grace,  
gifts that in the Spirit's power  
will reveal the Saviour's face.**

**All God's children, all Christ's people,  
all the saints, receive this word!  
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,  
build the body of the Lord.**

*Silvia G Dunstan (1955-1993)*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

May your eyes be open to see God's beauty in  
one another. May your hands be open to receive  
God's grace. May your hearts be open to the  
warmth of God's love. And the blessing of God  
almighty ... ✠  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Please may we meet again in church soon in  
the name of Christ. Amen.**