

The Churches of the Parish of Berkswich

in the Church of England Diocese of Lichfield

Live-streamed Eucharist with hymns sung at home for 3rd Sunday after Trinity



Please note that current guidance does not permit the singing in the church building – please could those at home sing loudly for those in the church building who can't (you will still be muted!)

The gathering

Jesus entered history as a servant, to give his life as a ransom for many. Let us humble ourselves before him as we come together in worship, and strengthen our resolve to listen for God's call in our lives amid all the distractions, fears and temptations that beset us.

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.**

William Kethe (d. 1595)

The greeting

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

The Lord of glory be with you.
And also with you

The Act of Penitence

Mindful of all the times we have fallen on our journey, let us bring before the Lord everything that troubles our heart and impairs our communion with God.

We do not always prioritise your call on our lives.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We are fearful
when we forget to put our trust in you.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We are proud of our achievements
and knocked sideways by our failures.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Words of forgiveness

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

The Gloria

Our virtual choir sing the Gloria. Often referred to as "the angelic hymn," the gloria was first intoned by the angels from heaven for the birth of Christ on earth. The Gloria is a true hymn. Its opening burst of praise overflows into a series of joyful cries addressed to the Father: "we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory."

The hymn goes on to implore the mercy of the Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. In singing the Gloria, the church relives the experience of Saint Stephen who, "full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God" (Acts 7:55).

Gazing on Christ, the Church praises him: "You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High." The final lines of the Gloria soar into the blinding mystery of the Trinity: "Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father." The hymn ends where it began: in the heavens.

The Collect for the day

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 1 Samuel 17:57-18.5, 10-16
A reading from the prophet Samuel

David and Jonathan's love for each other forges a deep bond which challenges both personally and politically. Meanwhile, as that love challenges society's understanding of Kingship and

succession, Saul's jealousy of David begins to grow.

On David's return from killing the Philistine [Goliath], Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, 'Whose son are you, young man?' And David answered, 'I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.' When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved. The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, 'I will pin David to the wall.' But David eluded him twice. Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the Lord was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading

The virtual choir sing the Alleluia

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark ☩

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is asleep in the boat as a storm rises and the elements threaten to overwhelm him and the disciples as they cross from one side of the lake to another. The disciples wake Jesus and he demonstrates his command over nature itself. The disciples are awestruck and Jesus rebukes them for their timidity of faith.

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Affirmation of faith

With our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world, let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Intercession

We grow in deeper communion with Christ as we spend time with him in prayer. Jesus travels with us on our journey in life, never leaving our side, and never letting anything affect our identity as his children. We come before him now in humility to name the concerns closest to our hearts.

At the end of each bidding the following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end, on behalf of us all, the intercessor gathers our individual prayers together into one, by saying on our behalf

Joining our prayers with the whole company of heaven, we bring all our intentions before you, Lord God our heavenly father, conscious that your journey with us through life is good times and bad. Amen.

The liturgy of the sacrament

The Peace

The Lord of glory be with you.
And also with you

Jesus calls us to follow him in a life of humble service, to keep faith through all our trials and to share with others the peace he offers to the world.

The peace of the triune God 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

Lord, teach us how to repay you for your goodness towards us. We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. **Amen**

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.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be; from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity; in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world; he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us; his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:

Our Virtual Choir will sing the Sanctus, the Holy, Holy, Holy, an integral part of the Eucharistic Prayer in both the Eastern and Western churches from before the year 400 A.D, and the conclusion of the Preface.

Its text is composed of two parts, both inspired in Scripture and highlighting two juxtaposing aspects of God – the first part focuses on the awe and surpassing wonder before the divine majesty, and in the second, the humility of Jesus, God made man.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Our Virtual Choir will sing our Memorial Acclamation – a response to what has been proclaimed in the Eucharistic prayer

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, with all the faithful departed, and in the company of Mary, Blessed Mother of Jesus, Saint Thomas, Saint Chad, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Let us offer our prayers to God with grateful and trusting hearts as we say together.

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

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

The priest breaks the consecrated bread as our virtual choir sing the Agnus Dei, underlining the reality of Jesus the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.

An act of Spiritual Communion

Those at home, as they look on to the consecrated elements - the Body and Blood of Our Lord present in the Bread and Wine, are invited to say

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.

Those in church are invited to receive communion in one kind only. When you remove your mask, please ensure you wash your hands before and after receiving. Please do not say Amen when the

host is given to you. As those in church receive, the following hymn is sung for those at home.

**Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
voice of God, and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

**Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.**

**Holy Spirit, power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
by thee may I strongly live,
bravely bear and nobly strive.**

**Holy Spirit, law divine,
reign within this soul of mine;
be my law, and I shall be
firmly bound, for ever free.**

**Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea,
stayed in thy tranquillity.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine,
gladden thou this heart of mine;
in the desert ways I sing,
spring, O well, for ever spring!**

Samuel Longfellow (1819-1892)

Prayer after communion

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

The dismissal

Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun in risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea;
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.

Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926)

The Blessing

The Lord of glory be with you.
And also with you

May God the Father keep you rooted in place.
May God the Son inspire you to live in service.
May God the Holy Spirit abide with you through
all things.

And the blessing of God almighty, the ✠ Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28.19

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

*Equipped to go out into our world, we leave in
silence*

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