

## PATRONAL FESTIVAL EUCHARIST ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Sunday 9 May 2021  
10.00am

## Welcome to St John's for this Service.

Today, we come together to celebrate our Parish Church dedicated to God's glory in the name of St John the Evangelist. We give thanks to God for all who have built, adorned, and worshipped in our church before us. We pray for the life of the Parish in our own day - especially those unable to be with us today but are worshipping in their own homes. And we pray for the Church in the future - for those who will be nurtured here to proclaim the love, life, and light of God.

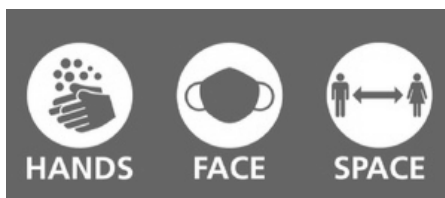
During the Eucharist we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and in the example and contribution St John has made on the life of the Church, our own lives, and the life of this community. As we hear God's word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share Christ's victory over death and know eternal life in him.

During these days of uncertainty, we pray that the light of the risen Christ may bring peace, comfort, reassurance, and guidance.

The posture directions in this order of service are optional. Please stand, sit, or kneel as you prefer. A collection is normally received during the service. Due to the restrictions this is not possible. Please leave a retiring collection or use the card reader on your way home. UK tax payers are encouraged to complete a GiftAid envelope to enhance the value of your giving.

## Covid Secure measures

We are doing everything we can to keep you safe during these times. Please follow the direction of our stewards, use sanitiser on entry and exit, wear a face covering, and observe social distancing. In line with regulations congregational singing indoors is prohibited.



*A period of quiet prayer precedes the service.  
Please stand as the ministers enter.*

## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## A Hymn is sung

Hark! the sound of holy voices,  
chanting at the crystal sea,  
alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord, to thee:  
Multitude, which none can number,  
like the stars in glory stands,  
clothed in white apparel, holding  
palms of victory in their hands.

Patriarch and holy prophet,  
who prepared the way of Christ,  
King, apostle, saint, confessor,  
martyr and evangelist,  
saintly maiden, godly matron,  
widows who have watched to prayer,  
joined in holy concert, singing  
to the Lord of all, are there.

Now they reign in heavenly glory,  
now they walk in golden light,  
now they drink, as from a river,  
holy bliss and infinite;  
love and peace they taste for ever,  
and all truth and knowledge see  
in the beatific vision  
of the blessed Trinity.

God of God, the One-begotten,  
Light of Light, Emmanuel,  
in whose body joined together  
all the saints for ever dwell;  
pour upon us of thy fullness,  
that we may for evermore  
God the Father, God the Son and  
God the Holy Ghost adore. Amen.

*Deerhurst 226 NEH*

### **Prayer of Preparation**

As the Lord welcomes us into his presence, we pray together:

**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.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Hear what St John says:

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Therefore, in the light of the Risen Christ, let us confess our sins.

*1 St John 1: 8–9*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

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 Final Hymn**

O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who has brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who has taught you  
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!  
all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord,  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!  
thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along:  
for love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen.

*Laudate Dominum 427 NEH*

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Our worship has ended; let our service begin.  
Thanks be to God!***

During these days of Easter you might like to place flowers  
on the large cross outside Church  
- perhaps in memory of a loved one.

### **The Anthem: Greater Love Hath No Man**

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.  
Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this:  
that a man lay down his life for his friends.  
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,  
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.  
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.  
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;  
that ye should shew forth the praises of him  
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,  
which is your reasonable service.

*John Ireland (1879–1962)*

*Song of Solomon 8: 7, 6; St John 15: 13; 1 St Peter 2: 24;  
1 Corinthians 6: 11; 1 St Peter 2: 9; Romans 12: 1*

### **The Prayer after Communion**

**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.**

### **The Blessing**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;  
Grace from the Word made flesh be with you;  
Grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*All stand to give praise to God as we say*

### **The 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**

*Following a moment of quiet, a special Prayer for the Day is said.*

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through the Jesus Christ your incarnate and risen Son,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All sit for the*

### Bible Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

*Peter Aston (b. 1938)*

*All stand for*

### The Gospel

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory.

**Alleluia!**

*St John 1: 14*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.'

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### The Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The Body of Christ.

**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei *is sung*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the Sacrament, please indicate this by bringing this booklet with you. Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

### Communion Hymn

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refrain*

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within and make me holy.

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

*Refrain*

*Refiner's fire,  
my heart's one desire  
is to be holy,  
set apart for you, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for you, my Master,  
ready to do your will.*

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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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 John, and 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.**

*All say*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour has taught us,  
so we are bold to pray:  
**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.**

Let us pray with confidence as our  
Saviour has taught us:  
**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.**

is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

*St John 21: 19-25*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

*All stand to say*

#### **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*All sit or kneel for*

#### **The Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers may include the responses:*

Lord, in your mercy      or      Jesus, Lord of life,  
**hear our prayer.      in your mercy, hear us.**

*The prayers may end with:*

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

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*All stand for*

### The Peace

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:

‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

*St John 20: 19–20*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*All sit for*

### The Offertory Hymn

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

his the sceptre, his the throne;

alleluia, his the triumph,

his the victory alone:

hark, the songs of peaceful Sion

thunder like a mighty flood;

Jesus out of every nation

hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans

are we left in sorrow now;

alleluia, he is near us,

faith believes, nor questions how:

though the cloud from sight received him,

when the forty days were o’er,

shall our hearts forget his promise,

‘I am with you evermore’?

Alleluia, bread of angels,

thou on earth our food, our stay;

alleluia, here the sinful

flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

earth’s Redeemer, plead for me,

where the songs of all the sinless

sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,

thee the Lord of lords we own;

alleluia, born of Mary,

earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

thou within the veil hast entered,

robed in flesh, our great High Priest;

thou on earth both Priest and Victim

in the Eucharistic Feast.

*Hyfrydol 271 NEH*

### The Preparation of the Table

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

for he is the Word before all creation,

the Life made manifest, the Light who shines in the darkness.

He is the living Bread who has come down from heaven,

the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep,

the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He stands among us in his risen power, and shows us his hands and his side.

With joy we worship him as our Lord and our God.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven

we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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.