



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

20 September 2020, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Series: The story of salvation

Today: Redemption

As the bell rings during the few minutes before the start of the service please sit and take a moment of peace and quiet to prepare yourself for the Eucharist.

As difficult as some of you may find it, please do not join in with any singing.

*All **stand** as the choir and Ministers enter the Church. (T: NEH: 232 Morning Hymn)*

Awake! Awake! Fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.

3. Let in the light: all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

2. Awake and sing, with love renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

4. Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
Praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord

Remain standing for THE GREETING:

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

All: **Amen.**

Presider: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

THE RITE OF PENITENCE:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

We have followed in the path of our first parents, Adam and Eve.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have trusted the word of the deceiver rather than the word of your love.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have turned away from you and hid from your presence

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

THE COLLECT:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. *All: Amen*

*All sit to read **alternate** verses of PSALM 145: 1-8*

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

2 **Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever.**

3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out.

4 **One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts.**

5 They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 **They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness.**

7 They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

8 **The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.**

Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Genesis 3: 9-24

⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.' ¹¹ And he said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?' ¹² The man said, 'The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.' ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The snake deceived me, and I ate.' ¹⁴ So the Lord God said to the snake, 'Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.' ¹⁶ To the woman he said, 'I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labour you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.' ¹⁷ To Adam he said, 'Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, "You must not eat from it," 'Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.' ²⁰ Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the Lord God said, 'The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever.' ²³ So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

*Please remain **seated** and do not join in as the choir sings:*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

² Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

³ Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

⁴ Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide.
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

*All **stand** to greet THE GOSPEL*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 20: 1-16

Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius^[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. ⁴He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." ⁵So they went. 'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" ⁷'"Because no one has hired us," they answered. 'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard." ⁸'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first." ⁹'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²"These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day." ¹³'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

*THE SERMON – all **sit.***

*All **stand** to say THE 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.

Presider: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father.

All sit or kneel for The Intercessions:

Using the form: Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

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

Following the intercessions all stand for THE PEACE:

Presider: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of God be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Following THE PEACE, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God.

All sit or kneel for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Presider continues:

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. 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:

All: **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.**

The Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.

THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus 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.

Presider: 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.**

The AGNUS DEI:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*In order to receive communion please proceed to the altar rail via the **central aisle only**, and return to your seat via the **side aisles**.*

You will only receive the bread, and not the wine, and this will be put into your hand, not your mouth.

There are plates for your offering by the entrance to the Church (where is also the option to give by card), and also beside the choir stalls.

COMMUNION HYMN:

Author of life divine	Our needy souls sustain
who hast a table spread,	with fresh supplies of love,
furnished with mystic wine	till all thy life we gain,
and everlasting bread,	and all thy fulness prove,
preserve the life thyself hast given,	and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,
and feed and train us up for heaven.	behold without a veil thy face.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: 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.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shown in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.

² Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.

³ Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.

⁴ Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.

THE BLESSING:

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All: Amen.*

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.