



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

## Welcome to John Keble Church

2 May 2021, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*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.*

*Please stand as the Choir enters the Church. The Choir will sing the HYMN as the Ministers process to take their places. Please do not join in with the singing:*

Rejoice! the Lord is King,  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

*Remain standing for THE GREETING:*

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*THE RITE OF PENITENCE:*

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy. *All: Lord, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy. *All: Christ, have mercy.*

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy. *All: Lord, have mercy.*

*THE ABSOLUTION:*

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from your sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All: Amen.*

*We remain standing as the Choir sings 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:*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 22: 25-end*

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

**26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**28 For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him

**30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

*Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Acts 8: 26-end*

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. <sup>31</sup> 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: 'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.' <sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Philip,

however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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

*All stand as the Choir sings the GRADUAL HYMN:*

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

<sup>2</sup>It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary rest.

<sup>3</sup>Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
My shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
With boundless stores of grace.

<sup>4</sup>Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thoughts;  
but when I see the as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

<sup>5</sup>Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*All stand to greet THE GOSPEL*

*THE GOSPEL READING: John 15: 1-8*

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

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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

*THE SERMON – all sit.*

*ANTHEM: O sons and daughters, let us sing – arr. John Barnard*

*All stand to say THE NICENE CREED:*

**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.**

*Presider: We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.*

*All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS:*

*Using the form: Jesus, Lord of life in your mercy, hear us.*

*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: 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. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.*

*All: And also with you. Alleluia*

*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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*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:* Christ is the bread of life:

*All:* **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*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:* Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

*All:* **Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

*The Choir sings 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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*COMMUNION HYMN:*

Blessèd Jesu, Mary's son,  
For mankind to earth thou camest,  
But the saving battle won,  
Now at God's right hand thou reignest:  
On thy people pour thy blessing,  
Gathered here, thy name confessing.

By this sacramental sign,  
token of thy bitter passion,  
through these gifts of bread and wine  
thine own image in us fashion:  
by this food thy grace doth send us  
From all ills of soul defend us.

In this mystery of grace  
Which we celebrate before thee,  
Come, O Saviour, show thy face  
To the faithful who adore thee:  
All our sins by thee forgiven,  
Grant us hear the joys of heaven.

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:*

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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:*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*THE BLESSING:*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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.**

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Jeff has been to the food bank and has said they are in need of the following please if you could add some of them to your shopping:

Cooking oil; cleaning products, jams and spreads, rice pudding, custard, small jars of coffee, tinned fish (such as tuna or salmon), basic pasta sauce.

Thank you for your contiued donations

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