

JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

# Welcome to John Keble Church

16 May 2021, 10am

Parish Eucharist, *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

***Christian Aid Week***

*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:*

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

3 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

4 Let us build a house where all are named.  
Their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed,  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
*all are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

*Remain standing for THE GREETING:*

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Peace be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*THE RITE OF PENITENCE:*

Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive and bringing gifts for all. As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven let us call to mind our failures and sins.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

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

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

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

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:

Lord, have mercy. **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:*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1*

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

**2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.

**4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

**6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.**

*Please remain seated for the FIRST READING: Acts 1: 15-17 and 21-26*

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup>and said, 'Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.' <sup>21</sup>Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.'

<sup>23</sup>So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' <sup>26</sup>Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

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

Summoned by the God who made us  
rich in our diversity,  
gathered in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity.

<sup>2</sup>Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new Church into being,  
one in faith and love and praise.

<sup>3</sup>Bring the hopes of every nation;  
bring the art of every race.  
Weave a song of peace and justice;  
let it sound through time and space.

<sup>4</sup>Draw together at one table  
all the human family;  
shape a circle ever wider  
and a people ever free.

*All stand to greet THE GOSPEL*

*THE GOSPEL READING: John 17: 6-19*

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

*All: Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>6</sup>'I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup>I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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

*THE SERMON – all sit.*

*ANTHEM: In the heart where love is abiding (English setting of Ubi Caritas) arranged 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 for God to fill us with his Spirit.

*All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS:*

*Using the form:* Lord, come to bless us **and fill us with your Spirit.**

*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 fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace. If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit. The peace of the Lord 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his

disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore, all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

*Choir:*       **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:*    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 Choir sing 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.

*COMMUNION HYMN:*

I will sing the Lord's high triumph,  
ruling earth and sky and sea;

God, my strength, my song, my glory,  
my salvation now is he.

Through the waters, through the waters,  
God has brought us liberty.

God has brought us liberty.

2 Who is like the God of Israel  
faithful, holy, throned above?

Stretching out the arm of anger,  
yet he guides us by his love.

To our homeland, to our homeland,  
God will see us safely move.

God will see us safely move.

<sup>3</sup> Who is like the God of Israel  
Faithful, holy, throned above?  
Stretching out the arm of anger,  
Yet he guides us by his love.  
To our homeland, to our homeland,  
God will see us safely move.  
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<sup>4</sup> Praise our God, who in the thunder  
Let a nation through the sea;  
praise the One whose blood released us  
from our deeper slavery.  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Christ is risen: we are free!  
Christ is risen: we are free!

*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:* Let us pray *Silence is kept* Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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.**

*THE POST COMMUNION HYMN:*

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluia!  
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your head, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!

Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluia!  
far above yon azure height, Alleluia!  
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluia!  
seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!  
partners of thine endless reign; Alleluia!  
there Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

*THE BLESSING:*

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; 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.**

## **Sunday services at John Keble Church**

All services continue to be held both in person and streamed on line. If you can't attend a service or watch the live stream, you can still view services at a later stage by visiting [johkeble.org.uk](http://johkeble.org.uk).

Next Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) is Pentecost/Whit Sunday. This will be a family Eucharist. The following Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> May) is Trinity Sunday

### **Proposed dates for your diaries**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Patronal Festival followed by BBQ

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Harvest Festival followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Hall

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Jumble Sale

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November (evening) – a short fireworks display outside

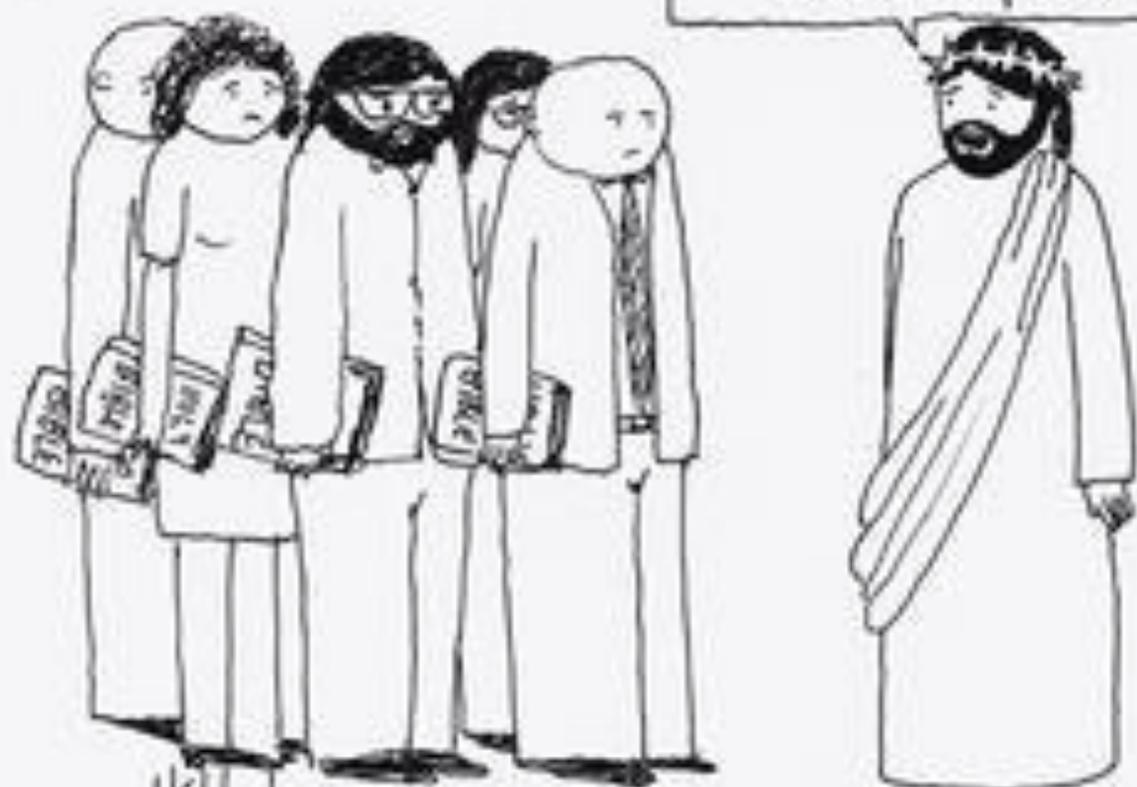
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Brunch after service

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