

✦ WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY ✦

## ST MARY'S CHURCH



An order of service for

# SUNDAY WORSHIP



# Sunday Worship

Welcome to this service of Sunday Worship for the Easter Season as the Church continues to celebrate Christ's resurrection and victory over death.

Our service is taking place in a socially distanced way at St Mary's Church and, like all our Sunday services is live streamed Facebook and be available through YouTube and A Church Near You.

We continue to work hard to ensure the safety of all in church and closely monitor advice from the Westminster government, local authorities, the Church of England, the Diocese of Coventry and others. You can keep up to date with latest developments on our website, along with Facebook and Twitter.

## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

THE CONGREGATION STANDS

Officiant O Lord, open our lips

All **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant In your resurrection, O Christ

All **let heaven and earth rejoice. Alleluia.**

Officiant In the beginning, when it was very dark,  
God said: "Let there be light."

All **And there was light.**

*A sign of light—a candle—is lit on the altar.*

Officiant In the beginning, when it was very quiet,  
the Word was with God.

All **And the Word was God.**

*A sign of the Word—a Bible—is opened on the altar.*

Officiant When the time was right, God sent his Son.

All **He came among us and was one of us.**

*Signs of Christ—a chalice and pattern—are placed on the altar.*

THE CONGREGATION SITS

## Opening Canticle (from Isaiah 43)

Officiant I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.

*All* **'I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.'**

*Officiant* Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,

*All* **'Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.'**

*Officiant* 'Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

*All* **'I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,**

*Officiant* 'The people whom I formed for myself,  
that they might declare my praise.'

*All* **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**I will make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

*All* **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Come, let us return to the Lord and say  
**Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds  
and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Officiant* The Lord of Creation enrich you with grace,  
and nourish you with Christ's blessing;  
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;  
the Lord accept your prayers,  
and absolve you from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving Collect**

*Officiant* Heavenly Creator  
in your Son Jesus Christ  
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope;  
strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,  
that we may live as those who believe in  
the communion of saints  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the resurrection to eternal life  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **First Reading**

*THE CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED*

### **Canticle The Song of Zechariah (from Luke 1: 68-79)**

*Officiant* Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

*All* **Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
For he has come to his people and set them free.**

*Officiant* He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
Born of the house of his servant, David.

*All* **Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
That he will save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,**

*Officiant* He promised to show mercy to our forebears  
And to remember his holy covenant.

*All* **This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham;  
To set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

*Officiant* Free to worship him without fear,  
Holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our life.

*All* **You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the most high,  
For you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

*Officiant* To give his people knowledge of his salvation,  
By the forgiveness of all their sins.

*All*        **In the tender compassion of our God,  
The dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

*Officiant* To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now  
And ever shall be  
World without end. Amen.  
The Lord is risen from the tomb  
who for our sakes hung upon the tree.  
Alleluia.**

*THE CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED*

**Anthem** *Jubilate Deo in D* (Words: Psalm 100; Music: Dyson)

## **Second Reading**

*THE CONGREGATION STANDS*

### **Affirmation of faith**

*Officiant* We declare our faith in the story of Jesus' resurrection,  
*All*        **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day  
as the Scriptures declare;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles;  
this we have received and this we believe.**

*(1 Cor 15 :3-7)*

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

## **Prayers**

*Officiant* In the power of the Spirit  
and in union with our Risen Lord,  
let us pray to the Father.

*The prayers include these five concerns and follow this sequence:*

*The Church*

*The world*

*The local community*

*Those who suffer*

*The communion of saints*

*This response is used after each petition*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* We join our prayers together  
using the words Jesus taught his followers:

*All* **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.**

## Sermon

## Anthem

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## RESPONSORIAL BLESSING

*Officiant* On our hearts and on our houses:

*All* **the blessing of God.**

*Officiant* In our comings and in our goings:

*All* **the peace of God.**

*Officiant* In our lives and in our seeking:

*All* **the love of God.**

*Officiant* At our end and new beginning:

*All* **the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.**

*Officiant* God grant to the living, grace;

to the departed, rest;

to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth, and all humankind,  
peace and concord;

and to us and all his servants, life everlasting;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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