

✠ WARWICK TEAM MINISTRY ✠

ST MARY'S CHURCH



EUCCHARIST

– ASCENSION DAY –

Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7.30pm

THE GATHERING

Welcome

President Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

President Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us then draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith
and make our confession to our heavenly father.

The congregation kneels or sits

President Most merciful God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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 congregation stands as the Choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO from *Messe cum júbilo* by Maurice Duruflé

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

President Risen Christ,
**you have raised our human nature
to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation sits

FIRST READING: *Acts 1: 1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

At the end

Reader For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 24: 44-53*

At the beginning

Reader Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All say **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all na-

tions, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

At the end

Reader This is the gospel of the Lord.

All say **Praise to you, O Christ!**

The congregation remains standing

THE CREED

President We believe in one God,

All **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.**

The congregation kneels or sits

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with our Ascended Lord, let us pray to the Father.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we may be strengthened to serve you better.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to make us wise to understand your will.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to keep us confident of your love, wherever you call us.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness where there is division, sickness and sorrow.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit.

We ask you to reveal in our lives the love of Jesus.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given by the risen Lord.

We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

Lord, come to bless us.

Fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God,

you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon your disciples in the upper room:

in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,

hear our prayer

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The congregation stands

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

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

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.
And now we give you thanks
because, after his most glorious resurrection,
he appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, thither we might also ascend,
and reign with him in glory.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir sings SANCTUS and BENEDICTUS from Messe cum júbilo by Maurice Duruflé

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 congregation kneels or sits

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
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.

All Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Mary and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

President As our Saviour taught his disciples, so we pray:
All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

President 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.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

President Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Alleluia! Let us keep the feast.**

Officers will move through the congregation with communion wafers; please stand to receive. If you would prefer to receive a (non tactile) blessing, please stand and cross your arms over your chest. During the distribution our cantor will sing 'Agnus Dei' from Messe cum jubilo by Maurice Duruflé

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The congregation kneels or sits

President Almighty God,

All **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 congregation stands

THE DISMISSAL

SOLEMN BLESSING

President God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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