

# Sunday Worship

Welcome to our weekly Sunday Worship, which is our first step back into public worship following the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst at the same time, we continue to broadcast on Facebook, YouTube and A Church Near You for those who wish to watch at home. Our music continues to be provided by members of St Mary's Choir recorded beforehand. For the time being we are not printing our weekly newsletter which can be viewed on St Mary's website, which is where you can keep in touch with developments along with Facebook and Twitter. Please support our ministry in prayer with our monthly Prayer Diary and financially through a standing order or our QR code. Full details of all these are at the end of this order of service.

## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

Officiant     O Lord, open our lips  
All             **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant     May Christ the daystar dawn in our hearts  
All             **and triumph over the shades of night.**

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.*

## Venite (Psalm 95: 1-7)

Officiant     O come, let us sing to the Lord; ♦  
All             **let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.**

Officiant     Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ♦  
All             **and be glad in him with psalms.**

Officiant     For the Lord is a great God ♦  
All             **and a great king above all gods.**

Officiant     In his hand are the depths of the earth ♦  
All             **and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Officiant     The sea is his, for he made it, ♦  
All             **and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Officiant     Come, let us worship and bow down ♦  
All             **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant     For he is our God;  
All             **we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.**

## Thanksgiving Collect

*Officiant* Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Old Testament Reading

#### **Canticle – A Song of the New Creation** *(from Isaiah 43)*

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

*Officiant* ‘I am the Lord, your Holy One,  
the Creator of Israel, your King.’

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

*Officiant* ‘Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.

*All* **‘Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?’**

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

*All* **‘The people whom I formed for myself,  
that they might declare my praise.’**

*Officiant* Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

*All* **as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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

### New Testament Reading

## **Affirmation of faith**

*Officiant* We believe O God of all gods,  
*All* **that you are the eternal God of life;**  
**We believe O God of all gods,**  
**that you are the eternal God of Love.**  
**We believe, O God and maker of all creation,**  
**that you are the maker of the high heavens,**  
**that you are creator of the deep seas,**  
**that you are the creator of the stable earth.**  
**We believe, O God of all the peoples,**  
**that you created our souls and bodies and gave them breath,**  
**that you made us in your own image.**  
**We give you our worship, with our whole lives,**  
**we give you our assent with our whole power,**  
**we give you our existence with our whole mind,**  
**we give you our kneeling with our whole desire.**  
**Amen.**

## **Anthem**

### **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

## Hymn

### 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.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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