

✠ 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 last Sunday in the Trinity Season.*

*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 have been working hard to ensure the safety of all in church and we continue to monitor closely the advice given by 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    *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.*

### THE CONGREGATION SITS

## Opening Canticle (from Psalm 66: 1-7)

Officiant    *Be joyful in God, all the earth;*  
                *sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.*

*All*        **Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength  
your enemies shall bow before you.**

*Officiant*   'All the earth shall worship you,  
sing to you, sing praise to your name.'

*All*        **Come now and behold the works of God,  
how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.**

*Officiant*   He turned the sea into dry land;  
the river they passed through on foot; there we rejoiced in him.

*All*        **In his might he rules for ever;  
his eyes keep watch over the nations;  
let no rebel rise up against him.**

*Officiant*   Bless our God, O you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

*All*        **Blessed be God, Source of Wisdom, living Word, abiding Spirit,  
Blessed be God for ever.**

## **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

### Old Testament Reading

*CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED*

### **Canticle    A Song of Divine Love (from 1 Cor 13)**

*Officiant*    Love is patient and kind,  
                 love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude.

*All*        **Love does not insist on its own way,  
                 it is not angry or resentful.**

*Officiant*    It does not rejoice in wrongdoing  
                 but rejoices in the truth.

*All*        **Love bears all things and believes all things;  
                 love hopes all things and endures all things.**

*Officiant*    Love will never come to an end,  
                 but prophecy will vanish,  
                 tongues cease and knowledge pass away.

*All*        **Now we know only in part  
                 and we prophesy only in part,**

*Officiant*    But when the perfect comes,  
                 the partial shall pass away.

*All*        **When I was a child, I spoke like a child,  
                 I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.**

*Officiant*    But when I became mature,  
                 I put an end to childish ways.

*All*        **For now we see only puzzling reflections in a mirror,  
but then we will see face to face.**

*Officiant* Now I know only in part;  
then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

*All*        **There are three things that last for ever,  
faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.**

*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.**

**Love bears all things  
and will never come to an end.**

*THE CONGREGATION REMAINS SEATED*

## **New Testament 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.**

*THE CONGREGATION SITS*

### **Anthem** *View me, Lord* Charles Wood (1866-1926)

VIEW ME, LORD, A WORK OF THINE;  
SHALL I THEN LIE DROWNED IN NIGHT?  
MIGHT THY GRACE IN ME BUT SHINE,  
I SHOULD SEEM MADE ALL OF LIGHT.

CLEANSE ME, LORD, THAT I MAY KNEEL  
AT THINE ALTAR, PURE AND WHITE;  
THEY THAT ONCE THY MERCIES FEEL,  
GAZE NO MORE ON EARTH'S DELIGHT.

WORLDLY JOYS, LIKE SHADOWS, FADE  
WHEN THE HEAVENLY LIGHT APPEARS;  
BUT THE COVENANTS THOU HAST MADE,  
ENDLESS, KNOW NOR DAYS NOR YEARS.

IN THY WORD, LORD, IS MY TRUST,  
TO THY MERCIES FAST I FLY.  
THOUGH I AM BUT CLAY AND DUST,  
YET THY GRACE CAN LIFT ME HIGH. AMEN.

*Words: Thomas Campion*

# 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** *Teach me, O Lord* William Byrd (1543-1623)

TEACH ME, O LORD, THE WAY OF THY STATUTES : AND I SHALL KEEP IT UNTO THE END. GIVE ME UNDER-  
STANDING, AND I SHALL KEEP THY LAW : YEA, I SHALL KEEP IT WITH MY WHOLE HEART. MAKE ME TO GO IN  
THE PATH OF THY COMMANDMENTS : FOR THEREIN IS MY DESIRE. INCLINE MY HEART UNTO THY TESTIMONIES :  
AND NOT TO COVETOUSNESS. O TURN AWAY MINE EYES, LEST THEY BEHOLD VANITY : AND QUICKEN THOU  
ME IN THY WAY. O STABLISH THY WORD IN THY SERVANT : THAT I MAY FEAR THEE.

*Psalm 119 : 33-38*

*The congregation sits*

# Introduction to Campaign 2023

Clare Sawdon, *Campaign Director*

THE CONGREGATION STANDS

## 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* O God our Creator

your love has brought us the gift of this day;

help us to leave yesterday,

not to covert tomorrow,

but accept the grace of this time;

and may the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and

the Promised Holy Spirit

bless you that you might be a blessing

to others today and always. **Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

*PRAELUDIUM IN D (BWV 532) J.S. BACH (1685-1750)*

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