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SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome especially if this is your first visit or if you haven't been to church in a while! If you would like say hello to one of the clergy or the hospitality team please do (hiding behind a pillar is fine too if you're a bit shy!) This booklet contains everything you need to follow this service, please join in as far as you would like but don't worry about remembering when to stand, or kneel, or sit, go along with what feels comfortable. A collection is taken during the Offertory Hymn, this helps to pay for the upkeep of the church and more importantly it helps to keep the mission and outreach of the church going, please give what you can. If you pay tax please fill out a Gift-Aid envelope, this allows us to claim extra dosh from the Government!

View From A Pew

Jesus knew that the disciples must have had questions asked of them regarding who he was. No doubt though they would only have passed on to him complimentary comments, though they themselves still seem hesitant and confused. So when Jesus asked them pointedly who they thought he was and what was his mission it is only 'feet first' Peter who replies "You are the Messiah". This acceptance by Peter shaped his life from then on and ultimately his death. Being a Christian is all about acceptance and remembering who we are named after and trying to follow his example... Not easy.

The Introductory Rites

*As the bell is rung all **stand** as the clergy approach the altar. As he comes to the altar the priest prays a silent prayer of preparation, he kisses the altar because it contains (or should contain!) a relic and so asks for the saint's prayers for us all. The altar is a symbol of Jesus here with and so is treated with great respect. We sing the Introit hymn:*

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| 1 | Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me. | 4 | Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave. |
| 2 | Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm. | 5 | Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
for only he who bears the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown |
| 3 | Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the Cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell. | 6 | To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end
Charles Everest (1814-1877) |

Priest + In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen**
Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And with your Spirit.**

The priest invites us to offer to God the times that we have done things we should not have done, knowing that God forgives all who are truly sorry. This means we can begin worship knowing we have been set right with God.

All **I confess to almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

and, striking their breast, all say

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask Blessed Mary, ever Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

All **Amen**

Following confession, with the priest we say the Kyrie, this is an ancient part of the mass and is frequently said in Greek, one of the three sacred languages of Christianity (Latin and Hebrew being the other two), these languages are considered sacred because they are the three languages used on the notice placed with Christ on the Cross and so are considered to be deeply connected to our salvation.

Priest	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
All	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
Priest	Christ, have mercy.	or	Christe eleison.
All	Christ, have mercy.	or	Christe eleison.
Priest	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.
All	Lord, have mercy.	or	Kyrie eleison.

Together we say the Gloria, a hymn of praise to God. It reminds us that coming to church is a celebration of the wonderful things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**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.**

*The priest then prays the **Collect** which sums up all our prayers for the day. After the prayer we sit for the readings, which come from the Old Testament (the Hebrew bible that Jesus and his first followers would have known and used), followed by a psalm, then from the Epistles/Letters and a Gospel passage.*

The Collect

Priest Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who will dare to condemn me?

At the end:

Reader The word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9

The Response is:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

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| 1 I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. R | 3 How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. R |
| 2 They surrounded me, the snares of
death,
with the anguish of the tomb; they
caught me, sorrow and
distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! R | 4 He kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. R |

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of S. James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

At the end:

Reader	The word of the Lord
All	Thanks be to God

We stand as the Gospel is heralded

Priest	Alleluia, alleluia. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me.
All	Alleluia.

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**

Priest + A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
All **Glory to you, O Lord**

The text for the Gospel is deliberately not printed; the Gospels were intended to be read aloud. Try closing your eyes and picturing yourself in the scene described and how it makes you feel.

At the end:

Priest The Gospel of the Lord
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Homily

*We **sit** for the Homily, this is a short talk about the readings we have just heard or the theme of the day. Its purpose is to help us better understand the scriptures and how wisdom and advice that is so old can still help us today. After the homily comes the **Creed** for which we **stand**. This is the Church's statement of belief and the word Creed comes from the Latin word for 'I believe.' If you are new to church or not a Christian do not feel you have to say the words with us. Have a read of them before the service (or if the Homily is boring then!) and if you feel you can agree with the words you are most welcome to join in saying them.*

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Following the Creed we **sit**.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

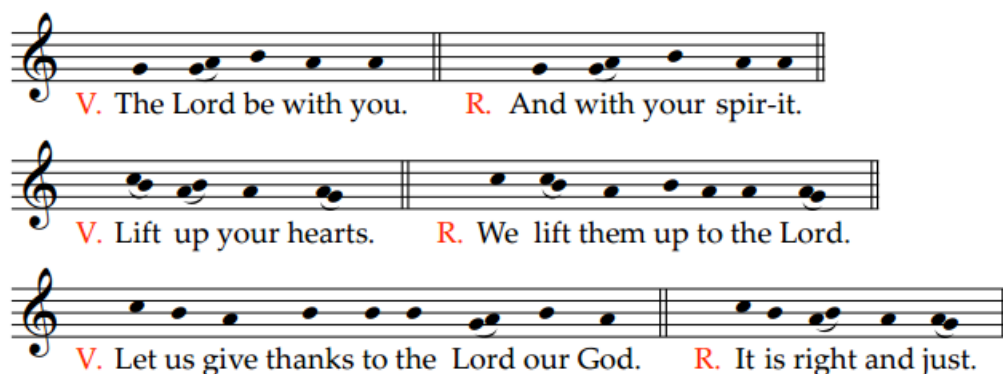
At the offertory the altar is prepared, the sacred vessels, the chalice (cup) and paten (plate) are laid out and the gifts of bread and wine are offered back to God who first gave them to us. To mark these things out as holy offerings set aside for God blessings particular prayers are said. The priest washes his hands asking for purity (and practically its more hygienic, especially in these Covid times).

After the priest has said the offertory prayers and censed the gifts, he too is censed and then the congregation, when the server bows to us we **stand and bow** in return. The priest prays silently asking Our Lady the saints will join with us in prayer, he then asks us to pray with and for him:

Priest Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.**

The priest then prays the prayer over the gifts before beginning the Eucharistic (thanksgiving) Prayer, singing or saying:



The priest goes on to say or sing the Preface, this speaks to the theme of the day on special occasions or reminds us of important things to do with Jesus' mission to. It begins the Eucharistic Prayer which is a remembering of the Last Supper certainly, but most especially it is the re-presenting of Jesus' sacrifice of himself on the Cross. The preface ends with words used to greet Jesus when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

All kneel or sit and the priest continues with the prayer during which the gifts of bread and wine are consecrated and so very truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus. During the prayer the priest makes many gestures and blessings which may seem strange, do speak to him afterwards and he happily talk to you about what happens. Part way through comes the following acclamation and response.

Priest The Mystery of Faith
All **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess
 your Resurrection until you come again.**

The prayer continues and concludes:

Priest Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all glory and honour is yours,
 for ever and ever.
All **Amen.**

All stand and the Priest invites us to join in saying the Lord's Prayer

The Communion Rite

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.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All **For the kingdom,
 the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The priest introduces the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All **And with your Spirit.**

In light of recent recommendations in order to reduce the spread of infection we share the Peace simply through this call and response rather than through any physical gesture; as was the practice up until really quite recently.

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
 grant us peace.**

The priest then breaks the consecrated Host and drops a tiny fragment into the chalice to symbolise the re-joining of Christ's body and blood after it was spilled on the Cross. To prepare himself to receive communion he prays silently and we are encouraged to do the same. The priest invites us to receive communion by elevating the Broken Host and saying:

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the
 sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
All **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under
 my roof,
 but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Having acclaimed the Real Presence of Christ the clergy make their communion. If you have been joining us for the Rosary or would like to begin that meditation this might be an ideal moment to reflect on **The Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist** or **The First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection**? Perhaps offer a decade thinking about either of these whilst others make their communion?*

*We **stand** for the prayer after communion.*

The Concluding Rites

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And with your Spirit**
Priest May Almighty God bless + you...
All **Amen**
Deacon Go forth the mass is ended.
All **Thanks be to God.**

We remain standing and again the priest kisses the altar in a gesture of thanks and farewell. The priest then returns to the sacristy he prays silently for himself and for those who have received God in this mass. As the altar party leaves we sing the recessional hymn:

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| 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad. | 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him. |
| 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done. | |

Horatio Bonar (1808-1889)

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Notices

Return to Normality

We are delighted to be returning to a semblance of normality, and that hitherto things seem reasonably stable. With that in mind we will now sing two hymns, at the beginning and the end of mass (this means you get to sing more without the clergy worrying about getting on to the next service). We continue to hope and pray that come Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year we will be singing the Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus as before. We will also be reviewing guidance on the sharing of the common chalice and the peace as we approach the new year as well.

DCCs

S. Saviour's DCC meets on Monday evening at 7pm in Church

Holy Trinity DCC meets on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

PCC

Would members of the PCC please let me know which days and times are most convenient for you so that we can arrange a PCC Meeting

Special Meeting

The Registry has finally sorted the paperwork out relating to the M34/5 Scheme which officially sets up the DCCs, this scheme (which was provisionally approved at the APCM) needs to be voted on by a Special Parish Meeting – a date will be published shortly!

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Prayer List

Names on the pewsheets will appear for about a month, if prayer is still required they will be moved to the list of long-term/ongoing illness. The pewsheets are for short-term illness or those who have been rushed to hospital and are in acute need.

The Sick And Those In Need

Fr Ron, Audrey, Allan, Alan, Jack, and Amanda

The Recently Departed

Richard Sewell, Tony Wootton, Agnes Bentley, Linda Doyle, and Rob Butlin

Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals

All of these offices are by arrangement please speak to Fr Andrew or Fr Glen about instruction and availability.

Confession

Preparation for receiving Holy Communion at Mass is one of the most important things we can do, to worthily receive Christ in the Sacrament should be of the highest priority. Exactly how you will prepare yourself is a matter for your own conscience; however, you are encouraged not to take the Sacrament for granted, some will recall how in former times the priest celebrating the Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer would give the congregation forewarning of when he intended to next celebrate the Sacrament so that they could adequately prepare themselves. In more recent times it has been noticed that the line for Communion gets longer whilst the line for Confession gets shorter. Don't forget that the confessional is always here for you, not as a courtroom and place of judgment but as a hospital and well-spring of Divine Grace.

If you would like to make an appointment to make a confession or to simply have a conversation to help prepare you for Communion please do speak to Fr Andrew, otherwise he is available to hear confessions on:

Mondays at 5.30pm (SS) - Wednesdays at 5.30pm (SW) - Fridays at 5.30pm (HT)

THIS WEEK'S DIARY
TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday Year B – Weekday Lectionary Year I – Psalter Week 4

Monday 13th September

S. John Chrysostom, Bp & Dr (W)

(for preachers)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SS)

Tuesday 14th September

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (R)

(for the SSC)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

10.00am Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Wednesday 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows (W)

(for the sick and those in need)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

6.20pm Rosary (SW)

7.00pm Mass (SW)

Thursday 16th September

Ss Cornelius, PM & Cyprian, Bp, MM (R)

(for the persecuted church)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SS)

9.20am Rosary (SS)

10.00am Mass (SS)

6.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction (SS)

Friday 17th September

S. Robert Bellarmine, Bp & Dr (W)

(for charity in ecumenical relations)

9.00am Morning Prayer (HT)

11.20am Rosary (HT)

12noon Mass (HT)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (HT)

Saturday 18th September

Our Lady on Saturday (W)

(for premature infants)

9.00am Morning Prayer (SW)

10.00am Mass (SW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (SW)

Sunday 19th September

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME (G)**

(Our Team, mission and outreach)

9.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SW)

10.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (HT)

11.30am SUNG DISTRICT MASS (SS)