

# The Parish Church of St. Mary, Shortlands



Order of Service for  
**Holy Communion**

16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## **Hymn – *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind***

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm,  
O still, small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1807-1892  
*(The Choir of the Abbey School, Tewkesbury)*

## **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly father, we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Absolution*

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.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** *singing led by St. Mary's Choir*

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, p  
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**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**New Testament Reading** – *read by Olivia Best*

### **Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Matthew 15: 10-20**

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Address**

## **The Creed**

We believe in one God,  
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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers led by Revd Gary Best*

*This response may be used*

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us acknowledge one another with a sign of peace.

### **Anthem: A Clare Benediction (John Rutter)**

*The Cambridge Singers, City of London Sinfonia*



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious  
name for ever praising you and saying:

**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.**

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.

**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 St. Mary and all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honour be yours,  
almighty father,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei – singing led by St. Mary's Choir*

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The body of Christ  
**Amen**  
The blood of Christ  
**Amen**

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of our pilgrimage,  
who hast willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in thee:  
look upon us with thy favour  
that we, following in the path of thy will,  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

### **The Dismissal**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn – *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven:  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him as his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F. W. Faber, 1814-1863  
*(Songs of Praise, St. Mark's Church, Maida Vale, 2015)*

## Regular Services

### Morning Prayer

Monday-Saturday, 9am

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### Holy Communion

Every Sunday, 10.30am

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## Special Events & Services

### Church Opening

The church will be open on the following days:  
Monday / Wednesday / Saturday – 10am-3pm

The opening of the church will be for personal prayer and reflection only.

### Church Services

St. Mary's will be holding Communion Services from:

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30pm**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am**

and will follow this pattern of Sunday and Wednesday for the foreseeable future.

These will be Communion services with strict guidelines in place. There will be no choir or music group singing within the services.

### Coffee Mornings

There will be coffee mornings held in the church on:

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – 1pm**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August, 10.30am – 1pm**

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