

# Parish Mass for the Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## WELCOME!

St Werburgh's stands in the catholic tradition of the Church of England. Here we try to practice the generous Gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we are exploring a way of living which is inspired by joyful, ordered worship and takes seriously the interior life. We embrace the challenges of peace-making both globally and locally. Welcome to this community of healing. Our celebrant today is Rev Eleanor, and our curate, Rev Kate, is preaching.

Some things you need to know:

- Wear a mask at all times.
  - Allow your temperature to be taken.
  - Give your contact details or use the QR Code.
  - Do not move around the church, but proceed to your seat as directed.
  - Please be polite to the welcomers and follow their instructions.
  - PLEASE LEAVE BY THE SOUTH DOORS IN THE BAPTISTRY.
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- Everybody is welcome here regardless of race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, addictions or beliefs, single or partnered, we are all God's people.
  - Everybody is welcome to receive Holy Communion in this church of whatever age or wherever you are on the path of life – tell a welcomer if you need gluten free bread. NOBODY MUST RECEIVE. The Sacrament will be brought to you in your seat.
  - We are not sharing the Chalice at present.
  - There are large print service books available; church always has lots of words, we try to be dyslexia friendly – if you need your book on a different colour paper or in a different font just ask a welcomer.
  - This church is fitted with a hearing loop, if you experience difficulty hearing the service, then please let a welcomer know.
  - Kids' Church takes place in the parish room. There are full COVID arrangements in place and the children are asked to remain in their family/household bubble. We ask that only one parent accompany their child to maintain social distancing.
  - FEEL FREE TO BREASTFEED. If you would prefer more privacy and a comfy sofa just use Fr J's vestry, one of the welcomers can show you.
  - Don't worry about babies making a noise during the service, feel free to get up and walk about ... there's no need ever to "Shush" kids!
  - Toilets with baby changing facilities are located through the doors at the back of the church.
  - Adults who find kids an issue are free to go into the vestry in the tower at the back of church. It has glass doors and a speaker so you can still hear the service. We aim for the Tower to be an 'autistic friendly' space, but please find wherever is comfortable for you.

*The Notices are given after which silence is kept.*

*We remain seated as the altar party enters.*

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.**

*The service is introduced.*

Let us call to mind our fragility and our need of God's forgiveness.

*A time of silence is kept for personal reflection.*

You come to save sinners.

*Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

You come to heal the broken hearted

*Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.*

You come to bring hope in despair.

*Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

May the God of all love and power, forgive and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you through the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Glory to God! Glory to God!*

*Glory to God in the highest.*

*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 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 the glory of God the Father.....*

Let us pray:

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails; deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.*

*The first reading*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel (*Ezekiel 17:22-end*)

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

**Thanks be to God.**

*Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.*

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (*Mark 4:26-34*)  
**Glory to you, Lord.**

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

*God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.*

*We sit for the sermon.*

*Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.*

*After a period of silence we affirm our faith together:*

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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.**

*Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.*

*We remain seated or kneel to pray.*

*Our intercessions end with:*

**Loving God, meet us in this silence, hear our prayers and fill us with your love. Amen.**

*The children return to church.*

*We share the Peace of Christ.*

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We offer each other appropriate sign of peace.*

*Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.*

*When all is ready, we remain standing and come to solemn 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.*

God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our mothers and fathers: Sarah and Abraham who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found God who loves the stranger. From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfil the law, embody your love and draw all people to himself. He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to life to share it in abundance; he comes to break the bread and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, with women and men of faith in every part of the world, we glory in your generous love and sing in praise of you:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*

*God of Power and might,*

*Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our Lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' +

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. +



Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

We ask this 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, God of all blessing, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught so we pray:

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

If you are joining us online, I hope you have your own bread and wine or food and drink. Gathered here in church and online: Receive what you are, the Body of Christ.

*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.*

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, which will be brought to you in your seat. If able, please stand to receive the Sacrament. Nobody must receive and if you would rather not just indicate to the minister.*

*Please keep your mask on, the Sacrament will be placed in your hand and please remove your mask to consume once the minister has moved on.*

*During Holy Communion the choir sing:*

*Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath your contemplation  
sink heart and voice oppressed.  
I know not, O I know not,  
what joys await us there;  
what radiancy of glory,  
what bliss beyond compare.*

*They stand, those halls of Zion,  
all jubilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel,  
and all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them,  
the daylight is serene;  
the pastures of the blessed  
are decked in glorious sheen.*

*There is the throne of David;  
and there, from care released,  
the song of them that triumph,  
the shout of them that feast;  
and they who with their Leader  
have conquered in the fight,  
forever and forever  
are clad in robes of white.*

*O sweet and blessed country,  
the home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country  
that eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us  
to that dear land of rest;  
who are, with God the Father  
and Spirit, ever blest.*

*When all have received Holy Communion and the altar is cleared, together we pray:*

**Loving God, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until  
our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We stand for the Blessing:*

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

The mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*An organ voluntary is played as the altar party leaves the sanctuary.*

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Thank you, Fr J.

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