

**Parish Mass
for the Feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10 am Sunday 15th August 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 Mtr Kate, our curate.

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.**
- 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.

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 came to save sinners.
Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.

You came to heal the broken hearted
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.

You came 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 glory of God the Father...**

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we praise you for Mary, whose hospitable Yes made a place for love; whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble, whose prayer is heard because she is one of us; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child.
Amen.

**Virgin-born, we bow before thee;
blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessed was she in her child.**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (*Isaiah 61:10-end*)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

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.

**Blessed was the breast that fed thee;
blessed was the hand that led thee;
blessed was the parent's eye
that watched thy slumbering infancy.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Glory to you O Lord

‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, or he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever’.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

**Blessed she by all creation,
who brought forth the world's Salvation,
blessed they for ever blest,
who love thee most and serve thee best.**

We sit for the sermon

**Virgin-born we bow before thee;
blessed was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
blessed was she in her child.**

After a period of silence we affirm our faith together:

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We remain seated or kneel to pray.

Our intercessions end with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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 an appropriate sign of peace.

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven
Here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! Hear the sinful
Cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
You within the veil have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

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

You may wish to stand for 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 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. And now we give you thanks because he shared our life in human form from the warmth of Mary's womb to the stillness of the grave. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. +

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 Blessed Mary, the Mother of God, St Werburgh and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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 O 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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, happy 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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, which will be brought to you at your seat.

Please keep your mask on until the minister has placed the Sacrament in your hand and moved to the next person.

During Holy Communion we sing:

**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.**

**As I kneel before you,
As I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours
and fill me with your love.**

**Ave Maria,
Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
Benedicta tu.**

**All I have I give you,
Every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.**

**Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu.**

**As I kneel before You
And I see Your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in Your embrace.**

**Ave Maria
Gratia plena
Dominus tecum
Benedicta tu.**

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

**God most high, we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to
bring forth the fruits of holiness; through 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.

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

An organ voluntary is played.

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