

Parish Mass for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity 10 am Sunday 22nd 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 Fr Dwayne.

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:

God of constant mercy, who sent your son to save us; remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 keenly felt than heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.**

A reading from the book of Joshua (*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18*)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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.

**For the love of God is broader
than the measure 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 would not own.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (*John 6:56-69*)

Glory to you O Lord

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

**There is plentiful redemption
through the blood that Christ has 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**

We sit for the sermon.

**If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be illumined,
by the glory of the Lord.**

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 sit or kneel to pray.

Our intercessions end with:

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

We sing the offertory hymn.

**I am the bread of life,
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.**

**No one can come to me
Unless the Father draw them.**

***And I will raise you up
and I will raise you up
and I will raise you up on the last day***

**The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever..... *chorus***

**Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you..... *chorus***

**I am the resurrection
I am the life,
They who believe in me
Even if they die,
they shall live for ever..... *chorus***

**Yes Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come
into the world..... *chorus***

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. 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.**

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, "thy will be done."**

**O may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
through this blest Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy Church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love;
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.**

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

**God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have given us your healing;
grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to
this broken world, in the name of 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.

**Guide me O thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey though
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield
Be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

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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