



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
ZOOM SERVICE CELEBRATED IN
CELTIC STYLE
THE 21ST. SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(BIBLE SUNDAY)
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Wearing your face masks is now optional. Thank you.

As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
heal to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!**

Welcome/The Gathering

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired
and aching, who long for the
nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering, who long for your company, found at your feast.

Gather us in

The proud and pretentious the sure and superior the never inferior who long for the levelling found at your feast

Gather us in

The bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast

Gather us in

From corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes; to meet, to eat, to be given a seat; be joined to the vine; be offered new wine; become like the least; be found at the feast

Gather us in!

Confession

Create a clean heart within me, O God, so that it may become your chosen shelter and the resting place of the Holy Spirit. I take the cross upon me, over the tablet of my heart,

and I beseech the living God of the universe, may the light of lights come to my dark hard heart so that I may live in the power of your love.
Amen.

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**

Collect

Blessed Lord,_who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them_that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizeable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaheus, sat by the roadside begging._On hearing that it was

Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent.

But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Reflection

The Baptism of Rosie Sophia Skinner

The Prayers of the Church led by the Vicar

The Church of Christ

Lord, we ask you to look down on your Church with your loving kindness and grace. Forgive us

when we fall into the temptation of valuing style over substance, and congratulate ourselves on the lip service that we pay you in the liturgy. We know that our observances are hollow unless they are part of a life dedicated to following the example of your son. Not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, give us grace, as the body of Christ, to do those things which you would have us do to bring the kingdom of heaven nearer on earth.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

Lord, you make the mountains rise and gouge the valleys deep. You still the raging of the seas and the roaring of the waves. You tend the earth and you till it, you make it rich and fertile. You soften the soil with showers and bless its early growth. You crown the year with your good gifts, meadows clothed with sheep and valleys decked with grain.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask you to make those in authority mindful of the awesome responsibility that they bear to devise policies which will save this earth from pollution to the point of destruction. Thus, O God, may all humanity reflect your generosity to each other and for future generations.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The local community

Lord, strengthen us in service to you and to one another. Give the joy of human fellowship to those who set themselves apart, whether from pride or simply from shyness.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Look with mercy on those who feel rejected by others, and comfort, we pray, all those who feel forsaken by those whom they trusted and loved. Make us open to all our neighbours, not forgetting to welcome strangers into our midst, knowing that some have thereby entertained angels unawares.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Those who suffer

Lord, as you bring to life the land parched with drought, so do you refresh hearts that are withered and dry. We pray for all who are weighed down with the mystery of suffering. Reveal yourself to them as the God of love, who bears all things for them. Give them grace to know that pain borne in fellowship with you can be turned to goodness and blessing through the sacrifice of your son, our master.

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The communion of saints

We give thanks for those who have fought the good fight and are now at rest. May they be found worthy of your kingdom, rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for:

Those recently departed: Carmen Bickle, Sir David Amess

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:

Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular prayers and petitions

Lord, you see us as we really are; help us to become the disciples you would have us be: in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

So, in the presence of the Bread of Life who refused food for himself in order to nourish others, we deepen our devotion by praying His words:

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

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

**When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!**

Prayer of Adoration

Heaven is here, and earth and the space between them is thin. Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.

Let heaven be glad;

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the Church above and below is one. Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Mary's, the saints from far back and those who left us not long ago.

And only sight prevents us from seeing them, one with us on the other side.

Let heaven be glad

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the God who made them is present. The lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us; the Spirit of God, the Dove makes her resting place among us. God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad.

Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Blessing and honour and glory and power be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pleaded the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people; welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, He is the host. Those who wish to serve Him must first be served by Him, those who wish to follow Him, must first be fed

by Him, those who would wash His feet, must first let Him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

This is the time when God can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at His.

The Story

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night when he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it, he gave it to the disciples saying 'This is my body. It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.'

Later after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.'

So now, we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labour. In these Jesus has promised to

be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now
to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now
to you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise**

It is indeed right for you made us, and before you made us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment. And

grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew,
Holy Spirit.
And we lift our voice before you as
a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer... Merciful God, send now in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread and broke it, and said, 'This is my body—broken for you'.

Later he took a cup of wine and said 'This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.'

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**A Prayer as we join with those
watching and worshipping with us
on Zoom**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love You above `all
things and I desire to receive you
into my soul. Since I cannot now
receive You sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were
already there, and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You. Amen.**

The Distribution of Communion

**Please remain in your place.
Communion will be brought to
you.**

**Please hold out your open hands
and the sacrament will be gently
dropped into them by the Vicar in
silence. This is the only way you are
allowed to receive communion at
present.**

**At this time of infectious disease,
Communion is distributed IN ONE
KIND ONLY. The Church of
England, together with the whole
Catholic Church, teaches that, in
receiving in one kind, the entirety
of the Sacrament of our Lord's
Body and Blood is received.**

Hymn during Communion

**Jesus, gentlest Saviour,
God of might and power,
Thou thyself art dwelling
With us at this hour.**

**Nature cannot hold thee,
Heav'n is all too strait
For thine endless glory
And thy royal state.**

**Out beyond the shining
Of the farthest star,
Thou art ever stretching
Infinitely far.**

**Yet the hearts of children
Hold what worlds cannot,
And the God of wonders
Loves the lowly spot.**

**Jesus, gentlest Saviour,
Thou art with us now;
Fill us with thy goodness**

Till our hearts o'erflow.

**Multiply our graces,
Give us love and fear,
And, dear Lord, the chiefest,
Grace to persevere.**

Post Communion Collect

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

The Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our peace. Strangers and friends, male and female, old and young. He has broken down the barriers to bind us to him and to each other. Having tasted His goodness, let us share his peace.

**The peace of the Lord be always
with you.
And also with you.**

The Peace is shared.

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

**Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us and encourage many by us. So Lord may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.**

Benediction

**On our heads and our homes
The blessing of God
In our coming and going
The Peace of God
In our life and believing
The Love of God
Be with us all
Today until the end of time.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing ...

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

**Lord, for the years your love has
kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us
on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned
and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our
thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of
life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our
souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us
and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your
people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our
generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care:
For young and old, for
commonwealth and nation,**

**Lord of our land, be pleased to
hear our prayer.
Lord, for our world when we
disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and
comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed
without him:**

**Lord of the world, we pray that
Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power
remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon
the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future
take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ
alone.**

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

**Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God**

**May the divine assistance remain
with us always.
And with all our brothers and sis-
ters in Christ.**

**May the souls of the faithful de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. And rise in glory.
Amen. Alleluia Alleluia**