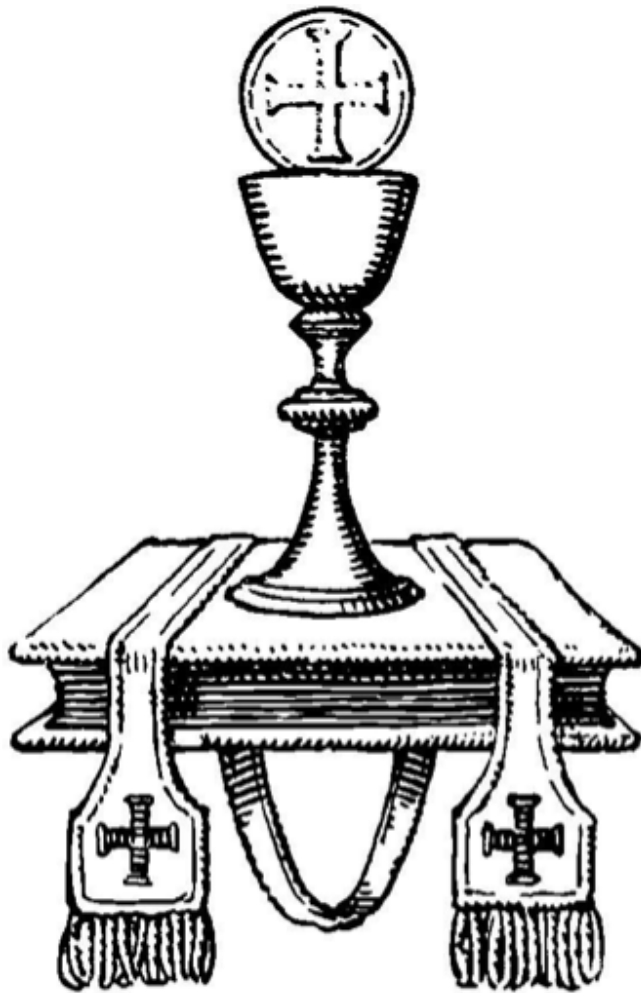


The Parish of
**St John the Apostle &
Evangelist**
Watford



The Holy Eucharist

Trinity 18

Ordinary Time

Healthcare Sunday



Welcome to St John's

Welcome to the Parish of St John the Apostle and Evangelist, here in the heart of Watford. God has been worshipped by the offering of the Holy Eucharist (also called the Mass or Holy Communion) in this building since its Consecration in 1893. You are most welcome, both in person and virtually, today and always, to be part of the living and worshipping body of Christ in our town.

With the current COVID-19 situation you will find that our worship arrangements are slightly different. If this is the first time you have worshipped or visited our church, please do feel able to ask the stewards or Churchwardens any questions, they will be most happy to help.

Ordinarily we would be offering Sunday School activities for a variety of age groups, however, for now we ask that everyone remain in church with their families. Activity packs are available for younger members of the congregation. If you find your young one is getting restless and needs some space, please do feel able to move outside and then return whenever you feel comfortable. Please follow the direction of the stewards for exiting and entering the building as we have a one-way system in place.

Toilets with baby changing facilities and disabled access are located in the Parish Rooms, through the doors on the front right hand side of the building. These facilities have restricted access as part of our mitigation strategy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and a one-way system in operation, please follow the signs.

Sadly, at present we cannot offer refreshments after our service this morning.



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If you have any questions or comments for us, please do speak to the Vicar or one of our Churchwardens. You can reach them at the following email addresses:

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If you are online, you can find out a whole lot more about our parish on our website www.saintjohnswatford.org.uk and Facebook page. Both these sites contain contact details, information for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and much more.

If you are using a copy of this service book provided by the Church, please leave this on your seat, or alternatively please feel able to take the service book home with you for future use.

We would normally provide a pew sheet with the appointed readings for the day, however, for now, these are now only provided electronically on our website.

Full details of our arrangements in response to the COVID-19 pandemic situation can be found on our website and we would encourage you to read these particularly if you are visiting Church for worship.



The Gathering

When the bell rings, all stand as the clergy and ministers enter.

Introit Hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice (486)

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice,
brothers and sisters, with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the way disciples followed then.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

George K A Bell (1883 - 1958)
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Antiphon & Greeting

The priest says:

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

All Amen

The priest greets the people:

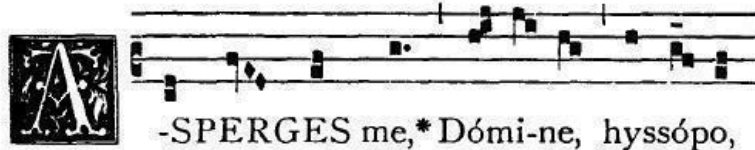
The Lord be with you.

All and also with you. *or* and with your spirit.

Words of welcome or an introduction may be said.

Blessing & Sprinkling with Holy Water

*On certain Sundays during the year, the entire **Penitential Rite may be replaced by the blessing of Holy Water and Sprinkling**, while we sing an additional hymn or the choir sings the Asperges Me.*



'Thou wilt sprinkle me, O lord, with hyssop and I shall be cleansed. Thou wilt wash me, and I shall be washed whiter than snow. Pity me, O God, according to Thy great mercy.' Psalm 50.

Prayer of Preparation

Standing, we say together:

All 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



Words and Prayers of Penitence

Standing or kneeling, the priest invites us to reflect on the Word of God and confessing our sins.

- The Exhortation (Book of Common Prayer 1662)
- The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
- The Great Commandment (Matthew 22:35-40)
- The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12)
- The Comfortable (Various Holy Scripture)

or

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

or

All **I confess to Almighty God, and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my most grievous fault:**

therefore I ask Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Kyrie

The Kyrie responses may be sung by the cantor or said.

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie eleison.

All **Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.**

Christ, have mercy. *or* Christi eleison.

All **Christ, have mercy. Christi eleison.**

Lord, have mercy. *or* Kyrie eleison.

All **Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison.**

The Absolution

The Absolution is given to which we respond:

All **Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis

We all stand and say the Gloria:

All **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 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

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' and the Collect is said:

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.

All **Amen**



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The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 35: 3-6

We sit for the readings. At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The appointed psalm may be sung by the Cantor.

Psalm 147: 1-7

Reading

2 Timothy 4: 5-17

At the end the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

We all stand as an acclamation heralds the Gospel reading.

Luke 10: 1-9

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the sermon, silence is kept for a period of reflection.



The Creed

We all stand to profess the Christian Faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

All We (I) believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We (I) 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 (I) believe in the Holy Spirit (*Ghost*), 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 (I) believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We (I) acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We (I) look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen



Prayers of Intercession

We may stand, kneel or sit for the prayers. These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

or

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

After a period of silence, the priest concludes with a sentence to which we all respond:

All **Amen**

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

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen





The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand as the priest introduces the Peace with suitable words and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you *or* and with your spirit.**

The priest invites us to acknowledge the peace, whilst maintaining appropriate social distancing.

Offertory Hymn

An opportunity to make an offering will be possible as you exit church, either by means of using our card reader facility or leaving cash in the collection plate. For those joining us virtually, please visit our website where you will find a 'Donate' button on our homepage.

O for a thousand tongues to sing (742)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead, receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)



Preparation of the Altar

The gifts of bread and wine are gathered and placed upon the Altar.

All standing, the priest invites the congregation to join with him in offering our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving saying:

Pray my brothers and sisters, that this sacrifice, which is both yours and mine, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

All May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

The priest says a short prayer over the gifts of bread and wine to which we all respond:

All Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says:

The Lord be with you

All and also with you. or and with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we all respond singing:

All 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.

It is customary for all to kneel or stand for the remainder of the Eucharistic Prayer.



The priest recalls the Last Supper, to which we respond:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which we all respond:

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

The priest introduces the Lord's Prayer and we all say:

All **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**

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.**





Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung by the Cantor.

All 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 Holy Communion

The priest shows the people the consecrated Bread and Wine saying:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The priest invites the Baptised to Holy Communion in these or other words:

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The priest and people receive Holy Communion.

The priest says:

The body of Christ.

The blood of Christ.

All Amen

For those in Church please remain at your seat as the host will be brought to you. If you have been baptised and normally receive Holy Communion in your own church you are welcome to receive.



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For those joining us virtually, we invite you to make an act of spiritual communion using the following order:

**Behold, I stand at the door and knock;
if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in
to them and eat with them, and they with me.**

Revelation 3:20

**Jesus Christ, True God and True Bread, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into
my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I
pray that you come at least spiritually into my heart.**

I embrace you, and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen

Prayer of St Alphonsus

Anthem

Please use this time for prayer and reflection.

God of hope and Lord of healing (Rizza)

(O) God of hope and Lord of healing, we come to you in prayer.
In our living and our dying, you promise to be there.

For the weak we ask your courage, and your patience for the
strong;
stay with those whose pain is sharpest and those enduring long.

Refrain

O provide for all the weary your precious gift of sleep;
with the glad let us be joyful, and weep with those who weep.

Refrain

Come to meet your praying people, be with us as we kneel;
come to help us, God our Saviour, for you alone can heal.

Refrain

Christopher Idle

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Stand or kneel for the Post Communion Prayer beginning:

Let us pray ...

All **Amen**

The priest may then lead us in saying this prayer together:

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Amen

Notices may be given.



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The Dismissal

Blessing

The priest says this or a seasonal blessing:

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.** *or* **and with your spirit.**

The Blessing is given to which we respond:

All **Amen**

The Dismissal

The priest dismisses the people in these or similar words:

The Mass has ended, go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy, ministers and people depart.



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