

# WELCOME TO ST GEORGE'S 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY – 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

10am PARISH MASS

A warm welcome to St George's. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Certain provisions still remain and we hope that they do not interfere too drastically with your worship. The toilets are not available, there are no activities for young people during the summer holidays and there will be no refreshments after the service. We thank our Archdeacon, The Venerable Father Luke Irvine-Capel, for presiding over our service today.

## THE GATHERING

*When the bell rings please stand for the entry of the Altar Party*

*The President says:*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All. Amen.*

The Lord be with you

*All. And also with you*

*The President welcomes the people and introduces the Mass, inviting all to join in the Prayers of Penitence;*

*All. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought 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.*

*The President says:*

*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 President says the Collect;*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Sit for the First Reading:*

*1 Kings 3: 5–12*

### **A reading from the first book of Kings**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

*The Second Reading:*

*St Paul to the Romans 8: 26 - 39*

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord

*All: Thanks be to God*

*All stand for the Gospel:*

*Matthew 13: 31–33, 44–52*

The Lord be with you

*All: And also with you*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

*All: Glory to you, O Lord*

Lord Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All: Praise to you, O Christ*

*After the Gospel, please be seated for the Sermon.*

*Following the Sermon, we stand to say together the Creed:*

**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.**

*Prayers of Intercession are offered, to conclude the President prays:*

Merciful Father:

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT.**

*The Peace will be given and responded to 'And also with you'*

*We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching— please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). When the altar has been prepared the Offertory prayers are said, to which the congregation respond:*

*All* **Blessed be God forever**

*The President continues:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours 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 holy Church.**

*The President says the Prayer over the gifts, to which all respond: Amen.*

*All stand: The President says:*

The Lord be with you

*All:* **And also with you  
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 President praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*

**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.**

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

*The Eucharistic Prayer leads into the Doxology to which all respond:  
Amen.*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The President invites us to communion:*

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

*Everyone should wait at their seat and the President will bring Holy Communion or a blessing to them, when being given the Host, do not say Amen out loud. The organ will be played during communion.*

### ***Prayer after Communion***

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 into the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

*Any announcements are made.*

**THE DISMISSAL** *The president says: The Lord be with you*

**All: And also with you**

*The President gives a blessing to which all respond:*

**All: Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*During the service a collection will not take place, plates will be placed by the exit doors for those wishing to give. We are grateful to all who continue to support St George's by maintaining their Standing Orders or by using their Planned Giving envelopes each week.*

*All are asked to leave observing two metre spacing, both the West and South doors will be open for leaving, please take this service sheet with you.*