



***A Service of Holy Communion***  
***Trinity 14***

**Welcome to St James**, the parish Church of Bulkington. Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or participating from home. We are very glad to be with you.

**Holy Communion (or the Eucharist)** is the central act of Christian worship. Through our community celebration of the Eucharist, we tell the story of God with his people throughout history, and proclaim that this God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is real among us. We are very glad to have **Bishop John of Warwick** here with us today to preside and preach.

**We are following Government and Church of England guidelines** to ensure that we have the safest possible experience of being with each other for our worship. Please care for yourself and others by:

- Maintaining a 2m distance from others
- Sanitise your hands
- Follow the directions of the ministers and stewards, and sit in places marked with a green tick.

**This service is being filmed** so that as many as would like to can be part of our worship. The camera will only focus on those contributing to the service.

**There will be no collection plate passed around today, but please give generously to support St James.** You can

- Leave a cash donation (including brown envelopes) in the plate provided on your way in or out of Church
- Join the Parish Giving Scheme (please speak to Rev Charles about this)
- Online at <https://tinyurl.com/y5o6gncq> (the QR code will take you to this page)
- Make an electronic donation via bank transfer or standing order.



## **The Gathering**

*As we gather together and the organ plays, the stewards will show us to our seats. We will be **welcomed to the service** and taken through any **notices**.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**All: Amen.**

## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**All: and also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

**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.**

## Confession and Absolution

Jesus said, 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'  
As sisters and brothers in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Matthew 5.24*

*After a brief pause, we pray:*

**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.**

May God our Father forgive you your sins, and bring you to the  
fellowship of his table with his saints forever.

**All: Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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**

*We spend a moment in quiet prayer and then we pray:*

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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**

## **Exodus 14:19-31**

**19** The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. **20** It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

**21** Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. **22** The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. **23** The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. **24** At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. **25** He clogged<sup>[a]</sup> their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

**26** Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' **27** So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. **28** The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. **29** But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

**30** Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith,<sup>[a]</sup> but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?<sup>[c]</sup> Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?<sup>[d]</sup> For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to<sup>[f]</sup> God.’

<sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.<sup>[g]</sup>

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God.**

# Music for Reflection – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Sung by St Martin's Voices*

- 1 There's 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 felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been 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.

*Second half of tune:*

- 4 If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;

and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)*

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35**

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**21** Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church<sup>[a]</sup> sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ **22** Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven<sup>[b]</sup> times.’

**23** ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. **24** When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents<sup>[c]</sup> was brought to him; **25** and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. **26** So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” **27** And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. **28** But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;<sup>[d]</sup> and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” **29** Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” **30** But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. **31** When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. **32** Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” **34** And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. **35** So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister<sup>[e]</sup> from your heart.’

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*After the sermon, we share a time of quiet.*

## **The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The leader may use these responses:*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer**

*At the end:*

Merciful Father,

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

**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace**

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*cf Ephesians 2.15,16*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

## **Offertory & Preparation of the Table**

*We will not pass around a collection plate today, but please give generously to support St James. Please see the page 2 of this booklet for more information.*

### **Music for Reflection – Sweet Sacrament Divine**

*Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited together.*

- 1 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.
  
- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.
  
- 3 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

**All: His Spirit is with us**

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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.  
Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.  
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.  
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and *saying*:

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

**All: Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

**All: Amen. Lord, we believe.**

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

**All: Amen. Lord, we believe.**

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

**All: Amen. Lord, we believe.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

**All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

**All: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with *St James* and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## Breaking of the 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 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 Communion**

*We are invited to receive the bread or a blessing*

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may; not because you are strong but because you are weak; not because you have arrived but because you are still on a journey; come because you love the Lord a little and want to love him more. Above all, come because he loves you and gave himself for you.

The body and blood of Christ keep us in eternal life

**All: Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

*Bishop John gives the blessing, and we respond:*

***All: Amen.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

*Please remain in your seat until directed by a steward.*

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## **The Blessing**

## **The Dismissal**