

*St John's Harpenden*



# **PARISH EUCHARIST**

Blessed Virgin Mary

14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

*Please stand when the bell rings and the Procession enters.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315 Sing we of the blessed mother

1 Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angels word,  
And obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
Sing we of the Joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed  
Who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.

2 Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
When beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suffering knew,  
Looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calvary's tree,  
Saw the price of man's redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

3 Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
From on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,  
Heavenly breath of God's own being,  
manifest through wind and flame.

4 Sing the chiefest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
And the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heavenly home:  
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,  
Raised on high and crowned with grace,

May thy Son, the world's redeemer,  
Grant us all to see his face.

## GREETING

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 president informally introduces the service.*

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight  
and chosen what displeased him.  
Yet as a mother comforts her child,  
so shall the Lord himself comfort us.  
So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought

*Kneel*

**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.**

*The kyrie is normally sung.*

**Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

*Stand for the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS*

***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, Heav'nly King,  
almighty God and Father.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.***  
**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.

*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*  
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.  
*Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory  
revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

READINGS **NEW TESTAMENT: Galatians 4.4-17**

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

<sup>8</sup> Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup>Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? <sup>10</sup>You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. <sup>11</sup>I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

<sup>12</sup> Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. <sup>13</sup>You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; <sup>14</sup>though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. <sup>16</sup>Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? <sup>17</sup>They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 653 Happy are they  
*please stand*

I Happy are they, they that love God,  
whose hearts have Christ confest,  
who by his cross have found their life,  
and 'neath his yoke their rest.

2 Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,  
when they together sing;  
and strong the prayers that bow the ear  
of heaven's eternal King.

3 Christ to their homes giveth his peace,  
and makes their loves his own:  
but ah, what tares the evil one  
hath in his garden sown!

4 Sad were our lot, evil this earth,  
did not its sorrows prove  
the path whereby the sheep may find  
the fold of Jesus' love.

5 Then shall they know, they that love him,  
how all their pain is good;  
and death itself cannot unbind  
their happy brotherhood.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke 1.*  
*46-55*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

46 And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

- <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.
- <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.
- <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
- <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;
- <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

*Sit for the SERMON*

*A short silence follows the Sermon.*

*Stand for 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

*The president introduces the prayers and the congregation kneels.*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us  
**Lord, graciously hear us**

*At the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand for* THE PEACE

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The Congregation share the sign of the Peace with those immediately around them, saying 'Peace be with you'.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN 312 Ye Watchers and ye holy ones

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.  
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,  
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 O higher than the Cherubim,

more glorious than the Seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluia.  
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,  
all Saints triumphant, raise the song  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.  
The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
The president takes the bread and wine*

*Please give generously to the ministry of your church.  
If you are a visitor and a tax-payer, please fill in the Gift Aid envelopes  
provided. Regular worshippers are encouraged to join our stewardship  
scheme - standing order forms and information leaflets may be found at  
the back of church.  
Thank you for your gift.*

*Remain standing*

God our Father,  
your handmaid Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.  
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven  
and the cup of salvation.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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.**

It is indeed right and good,  
our duty and our salvation,  
almighty Father, ever-living God,  
to proclaim the wonders you have worked in all your saints,  
and on the feast of Mary, ever blessed,  
to echo her praise of your loving kindness.  
For you have truly done great things  
and holy is your name,  
and your mercy is on those who fear you  
in every generation.  
When you looked with favour on your lowly servant  
you remembered your promise of mercy  
and gave the world through her  
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Through him the hosts of heaven adore you  
and rejoice in your presence for ever.  
May our voices join with theirs  
In the triumphant hymn of praise:

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 our Lady Mary, St John, St Alban  
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, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**Amen!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to say:

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
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.

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

## AGNUS DEI

**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.**

*The president invites the people to Communion saying:*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed 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 Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a Blessing, bow your head at the Altar rail. Please follow the direction of the wardens.*

COMMUNION HYMN *Remain kneeling or seated.*

*313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord, 462 Soul of my Saviour*

*During Communion, if the Choir are present, an ANTHEM may be sung.*

*A short period of silence is kept after Communion.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray

God most high,

whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**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.**

*Sit for the NOTICES*

FINAL HYMN 394 *Tell out My Soul*

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.
3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.



Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ.**

*Remain standing as an Organ Voluntary begins and the RECESSION  
takes place.*

*Please join us for refreshments in the Church Hall after the service.*

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