

**MASS on the
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME Year A
Sunday, 13th September 2020**

Welcome to Mass today!

Use hand sanitiser on entrance and exit.

*Sit only where you see service papers.
Members of the same household may sit together.*

*Keep social distancing - 2m apart
and observe the seating and floor markings.*

A bell is rung and all STAND as the Priest approaches the altar with the ministers and venerates it. Music may be played.

The Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

cf. Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Sign of the Cross

All make the Sign of the Cross as the Priest says:

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

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

The priest introduces the Mass and then invites the people to call to mind their sins:

I confess to almighty God
and to 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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

**through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;**

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

The absolution is given by the priest:

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive
us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Then is said:

Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.**
Christe, eléison. **Christe, eléison.**
Kyrie, eléison. **Kyrie, eléison.**

The Gloria

Then is said:

Glory to God in the highest,
**and on earth peace
to people of good will.**

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,**

**you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**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.**

Let us pray.

A short silence is kept.

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

SIT

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

*Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you;
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand

compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

The Choir sings the psalm on behalf of the people.

The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

The reader says:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another just as I have loved you,
says the Lord.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

To be forgiven, you must forgive

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the

reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

After the introduction, SIT.

At the end of the homily a brief silence is kept for recollection.

The Profession of Faith

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, all bow their head:
and by the Holy Spirit
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
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.
I 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 adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

**I confess one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward
to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The Prayer of the Faithful

The priest introduces the prayers.

The response to the prayers is either:

Lord, hear us. or Lord, in your mercy.
Lord, graciously hear us. Hear our prayer.

The following may be included:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord,
**And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

When bidden, the people say: **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 the hour of our death. Amen.**

*The priest then concludes the Prayer of the Faithful
with a collect to which all reply: Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

*Sit as the gifts of bread are placed on the Altar and
music may be played.*

*The collection basket will not be passed around.
Please place your offering in the baskets either side
of the Chancel Gate when you come for
communion or after the Mass.*

STAND as the Priest turns to say:

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my
sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

The Priest continues with the Preface, praising God, and then all acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
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.**

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer.

*At the elevation of the Host and the Chalice, the people acclaim: **My Lord and my God.***

After the words of Consecration the priest says:

The mystery of faith:

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

*At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer the people say: **Amen.***

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray:

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

Please share the peace by simply turning to your neighbours and greeting them verbally from your places. Please refrain from any physical contact and from moving around the Church.

Breaking of the Bread

Then is said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The priest receives communion and then says:

Communion Antiphon

cf. Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

A bell is rung and the people receive communion at the direction of the Stewards.

Everyone is invited to come to the Altar: if you are a Communicant member of a Christian denomination that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity you are welcome to make communion provided that your denomination permits it.

Communion will be offered in one kind: the Sacred Host, standing at the Chancel Gate.

Please be aware of social distancing while waiting to approach the Priest.

Should you seek a blessing, the priest will speak the words over you with his hand held out in blessing.

Please return to your seats moving to the left or right aisles.

If you are not making your communion please come to the Priest, carrying this service booklet, and bow your head for a blessing.

During Communion the Cantor sings an anthem and music is played.

Silence is then kept for reflection.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

STAND

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Concluding Rites

SIT for the notices.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

The anthem to Our Lady is said:

Salve Regina

Hail, thou Queen and Mother blessed!

**Joy when all was sadness,
Life and hope thou gavest man,
Mother of our gladness!
Children of the sinful Eve,**

**Sinless Eve, befriend us,
Exiled in this vale of tears;
Strength and comfort send us!**

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
**that we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mary to become a dwelling meet for thy Son: grant that, as we rejoice in her commemoration, so by her gracious intercession we may be

delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing as the Priest and the ministers leave the Church. Music may be played.

Please take this service paper home with you - DO NOT leave it in your seat once it is used.

Due to current restrictions, we regret that there are no refreshments after Mass today.

Please feel free to greet people outside the Church building, observing social distancing.

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FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

We pray for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah, Bishop of London, Jonathan, Bishop of Fulham and Catherine, Archdeacon of Northolt

For the sick, amongst them: Angela Buncombe, Brenda Elliot, Theresa Friday, Naomi Gardner, Ivor Jevons, Ramish Joshi, Hyacinth John-Baptiste, John Lawrence, Sylvia Luck, Michael Robinson, Dolores Payne

Continued prayers in their needs for: Joan Dunkley-Hughes, Wilson Elliot, Anna Fernando, Daniel & Elaine Greenfield, Allison Grunberg, Sally Harper, Gary Hughes, Bettie Huggins, Junior Hugh, Stacey Hyatt, Coral Ifill, Leonora Key, Lee Kent, Norma & Sandra Leacock, Dolores Payne

Pray for the recently departed: Derrek Baxter

For those whose anniversary of death occurs this week:

15th: Ernest Mills (1960), Simon Francois (2004), Edna Ifeobu (2012)

16th: Ruby Cleaver (1993), Jim Larter (1997), Roger Jordan (2016)

17th: Amy Clifford (1973), Alan Edwards (1993), Earlstandhope Edwards (2014), Jeremy Ball (2017)

18th: Ebu Williams (2019)

19th: Kathleen Peters (1977), Sherman Hines (1994), Chantelle Facey (2007)

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 13th September 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.45am Morning Prayer *all welcome
public & live-streamed on Facebook*

10.30 Mass *all welcome
public & live-streamed on Facebook*

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Pray for: the life of our Parish

Residents of: Greenhill Way,

Harp Island Close, Harrington Close

Monday, 14th September

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Pray for: persecuted Christians

Residents of: Havenwood,

Hill Drive, Holden Avenue

Tuesday, 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows

8.30am Morning Prayer
live-streamed on Facebook

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

Pray for: areas with lock-down restrictions

Residents of: Janson Close,

Kelly Close, Ken Way

Wednesday, 16th September

Ss Cornelius, bishop & Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

8.30am Morning Prayer
live-streamed on Facebook

Gospel: Luke 7:31-35

Pray for: those recovering from Covid-19

Residents of: Kings Drive,

Kingsgate, Kingsmere Park

Thursday, 17th September

8.30am Morning Prayer
live-streamed on Facebook

9.30am Rosary

10am Mass

Gospel: Luke 7:36-50

Pray for: Governmental response to the pandemic

Residents of: Langdon Drive,

Lavender Avenue, Lawrence Way

Friday, 18th September

8.30am Morning Prayer
live-streamed on Facebook

Church Cleaning

Gospel: Luke 8:1-3

Pray for: vocations to the priesthood

Residents of: Leith Close,

Lyndhurst Close, Mallard Way

Saturday, 19th September

8.30am Morning Prayer
live-streamed on Facebook

Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

Pray for: those in prison

Residents of: Merley Court,

Mount Drive, Neasden Lane North

Sunday, 20th September 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.45am Morning Prayer *all welcome
public & live-streamed on Facebook*

10.30am Mass *all welcome
public & live-streamed on Facebook*