

**St Luke's Church, Jersey**  
**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**20 September 2020**



*Mass is now attended by a carefully controlled number of physical worshippers in church as well as our online congregation. The restrictions that are placed upon our physical gathering continue to include a prohibition on singing. There will, however, be a hymn led by the choir with which you, the online congregation may join, as the congregation in church receives Communion.*

*At the sound of the bell the Priest and servers enter and the altar is honoured with incense.*

### **The Greeting**

Priest ✠ 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 Priest introduces the liturgy of the day and invites us to confess our sins.*

### **The Penitential Rite**

Lord, have mercy.  
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
All **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Priest says a Prayer for Forgiveness.*

### **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 Opening Prayer

*The Priest says the prayer for the day*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## The Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is close to all who call him.

All **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured.

All **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts.

All **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept the words of your Son.

All **Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

The Lord be with you  
All **and also with you**  
✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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

## The Homily

### The Affirmation of Faith

*The Priest asks*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life?  
All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?  
All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
All **This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **The Prayer of Intercession**

*The Priest will introduce the intercession*

*After each petition the leader will say*

Lord, hear us.  
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Following the prayers for the departed*

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

*The leader invites us all to join in a **Prayer for our Parish** (wherever that may be)*

**God our Father,  
through your Holy Spirit  
you grow your Church  
as we proclaim the kingdom of your risen Son.  
Bless us with deepening faith  
and an increase in our community.  
Help us to be a beacon of your love  
to everyone we meet.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

*We now recall our part in the Communion of the Saints and 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 at the hour of our death. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy Of The Eucharist**

### **The Peace**

*The Priest introduces the Peace, and then says*

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

## The Preparation of the Gifts

*Music plays as gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar. Incense will be used, as a symbol of the making holy of the gifts and our lives as we worship together, with all our senses, offering all that we have and are to God our Father.*

*The Priest then invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.  
All **May the Lord accept this 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 the Prayer over the Gifts*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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 him thanks and praise**

*The Priest says Preface for the day, at the end of which we say*

**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.**

*After the words of Jesus in the Last Supper, the Priest says*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
All **Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

*As the Eucharistic Prayer continues, we recall the death and resurrection of Jesus and plead his sacrifice before the Father. In the Eucharist we are brought as near to the mysteries of our salvation as those who first witnessed them two thousand years ago. The Prayer ends in praise of the Father and we give our acclamation:*

All **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The Priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer*

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.**

## **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**

All     **Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

*The Priest invites us to receive a spiritual Communion*

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

*and we say together*

**My Jesus, 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,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
and unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

*The Priest and congregation present in the church now receive Communion.*

*During Communion, the choir will sing a motet and we will sing the following hymn:*

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my Shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treas'ry filled  
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.**

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)  
Music: Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Priest says the Prayer after Communion*

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

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

            .....and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among  
            you and remain with you always.  
All      **Amen.**

All      Go in the peace of Christ.  
            **Thanks be to God.**

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## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

1. **Next Sunday, 20 September**, Mass will be offered at 0900 and 1030 as usual. The 1030 Mass will also be live-streamed.

Please continue to use the **online booking system** for these Masses. Just visit the website (<http://www.stlukesjersey.com/book-online-to-attend-mass/> ) Should you have any difficulties with the booking form, please email the office on [office@stlukesjersey.com](mailto:office@stlukesjersey.com)

2. **Mass will be offered** during the week as follows:

Tuesday at 0800  
Wednesday at 1000  
Thursday at 0800  
**Saturday** at 1000

All will be live-streamed. Note that there will be no Mass on Friday.

3. Our **Parent and Toddler group** will be restarting on Tuesday in the hall. It will run between 0900 and 1100. Booking is essential to ensure we don't have too many people and also so we have the details required for Track and Trace.

4. We'll be celebrating **Harvest on 4 October**. It will, of course, be different from usual, but one thing that won't change will be our appeal for non-perishable foodstuffs which we can give to the Grace Trust. So please start thinking about buying a few extra things to bring on that day. We'll also be collecting money for Farm Africa, so bring your debit and credit cards!!!

5. Have you visited the '**Prayer Resources**' page on our website? Here you will find a variety of aids to daily prayer, which many have found very useful. <https://www.stlukesjersey.com/prayer-resources/>

6. **Requests for Prayer** may be left via our website. Simply click on the appropriate tab, fill-in your request and press 'submit'. Your prayer intentions will be offered at the daily Mass.

7. **Thanks to everyone who supports us with their online giving** using GIVT and Sumup (and of course, to everyone who continues to support us by regular standing order). If you'd like to make a donation, just head to the website: (<http://www.stlukesjersey.com/giving-to-st-lukes/>)

