**Team Eucharist**

**for Sunday 26 July 2020**

**Seventh Sunday After Trinity**

**with Liturgy of Welcome**

**Gathering**

*Welcome to our worship today. Please remain* ***seated*** *for the entirety**of until you are advised to move.*

We meet in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The president introduces the service. A sentence from one of today’s readings may be read.*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

*The president prays an opening prayer.*

Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Confession**

The Gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

We have not always worshipped God, our Creator.Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not always followed Christ, our Saviour. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We have not always trusted the Spirit, our guide. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*We are assured of God’s forgiveness.*

**Collect**

*The president prays the Collect of the day.*

Let us pray.

Generous God,

you give us gifts and make them grow:

though our faith is small as mustard seed,

make it grow to your glory

and the flourishing of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Ministry of Welcome**

*Today the Rt Revd Jonathan Ruhumuliza makes his Declaration of Assent following his licensing as Team Vicar by Bishop David, the Bishop of Manchester in April. Deb, soon to be Ordained Deacon and Shane, soon to licensed as Reader will join Jonathan in an act of Commitment. We will then be led in prayer for the world, the church and our families and friends.*

*Martin reads the PREFACE*

The Church of England is part of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church worshipping the one true God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. She professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, she has borne witness to Christian truth in her historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Jonathan, in the declaration you are about to make will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

I JONATHAN RUHUMULIZA do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness: and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

Martin: As we welcome Jonathan to his ministry in our team so we welcome Deb, soon to be Ordained Deacon and Shane, soon to be licensed as Reader, to their new ministries.

Deb and Shane, do you believe that God has called you to serve his people in this place?

*D and S:* *I do so believe.*

Martin: Will you serve among us as those who teach and preach the Word of God in faithfulness to the Scriptures?

*D and S: With the help of God, I will.*

Martin: Will you serve among us as those who assist in the leading of worship, with prayer and understanding?

*D and S: With the help of God, I will.*

Martin: Will you serve among us as those who weep with all who are weeping and laugh with all who rejoice, witnessing in all things to the hope that is the Kingdom.

*D and S: With the help of God, I will.*

Martin: Jonathan, Deb and Shane we welcome you to your ministry in our team ministry and to the church family in the Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common team of churches. We pray that, just as you will be a blessing for us, so too our prayer and friendship can be a blessing for you in the years that lie ahead.

Let us pray

Angela: We remember the world, the church our loved ones near and far and those who need our prayers this day.

May the boldness of the Spirit transform us,

may the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,

may the comfort of the Spirit sustain us

may the gifts of the Spirit equip us

to serve and worship God;

and may the Spirit be with all whom we serve, and all whom we pray for this day and always. **Amen**

**Ministry of the Word**

*We hear a reading from the Old or New Testament.*

A reading from the Letter to the Romans, chapter 8.

**26**Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[[q](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-28128q)] with sighs too deep for words. **27**And God,[[r](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-28129r)] who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit[[s](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-28129s)] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.[[t](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-28129t)]

**28**We know that all things work together for good[[u](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-28130u)] for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. **29**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.[[v](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA" \l "fen-NRSVA-28131v" \o "See footnote v)] **30**And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**God’s Love in Christ Jesus**

**31**What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32**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? **33**Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. **34**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.[[w](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8&version=NRSVA" \l "fen-NRSVA-28136w" \o "See footnote w)] **35**Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **36**As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
 we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

**37**No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. **38**For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39**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.

*At the end of the reading.*

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**

*The Gospel reading is introduced.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**The Parable of the Mustard Seed**

**31**He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; **32**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.’

**The Parable of the Yeast**

**33**He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+13&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-23573d)] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

**Three Parables**

**44**‘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.

**45**‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; **46**on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**47**‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; **48**when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. **49**So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous **50**and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Treasures New and Old**

**51**‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ **52**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.’ **53**When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

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

**Address**

**The Peace**

*We remain* ***seated***

*The president introduces the peace.*

God has reconciled the world to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*We remain* ***seated.***

**Ministry of the Sacrament**

Glory to the Father, the God of love, who created us;

who continually preserves and sustains us;

who have loved us with an everlasting love, and given us the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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 always right to give you thanks,

God our Creator,

loving and faithful,

holy and strong.

You made us

and the whole universe,

and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,

Jesus our Saviour, Mary’s child.

He suffered on the cross;

he died to save us from our sins;

he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit

to bring new life to the world,

and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels

to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,

Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,

the new promise of God’s unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,

and remember his death and resurrection,

send your Holy Spirit,

that we who share these gifts

may be fed by Christ’s body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us

that we may love one another,

work for the healing of the earth,

and share the good news of Jesus,

as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,

with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*The president introduces the Lord’s Prayer.*

**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.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin 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.**

*The president receives Holy Communion in both kinds and invites those present and at home to make a spiritual communion.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The president prays the Post Communion prayer.*

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,

ever giving himself that the world may live:

may we so receive within ourselves

the power of his death and passion

that, in his saving cup,

we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Notices and Banns of Marriage**

*Notices are shared and Banns of Marriage may be read.*

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

*The president assures us of God’s blessing*

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted; honour everyone;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing…..

Go on in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Please leave church following the direction arrows and please sanitise your hands as you leave. Holy Communion will be administered in one kind as you leave to those who wish to receive.***

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