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NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY – PARISH SUNG EUCHARIST

In the name of the Lord Jesus we welcome you to this church. It is wonderful that you have chosen to worship with us today. For centuries, people have gathered on this site to support each other, to laugh and cry together, to sing and pray and to come before God and be nourished and sustained at the altar rail. It is our hope that you will leave here today having been given a glimpse of God's kingdom. Please join in where indicated in bold.

Opening Hymn: CP 444 – God is working his purpose out

† 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.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us. *(please sit or kneel)*

The Living God, the living moving Spirit of God, has called us together – to bless us and to speak love to us.

We gather in hope, in expectancy, in trust at this still moment in our lives of ceaseless change, to worship, to listen, to share and acknowledge that renewing blessing of love.

As God's people we have gathered.

Let us worship him together.

My sisters and brothers to prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries let us call to mind our sins:

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 priest pronounces God's forgiveness:

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

THE GLORIA

**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, heavenly 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 sins 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, in the
Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Glory to God
Glory to God
Glory to God in the Highest**

Let us pray:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

FIRST READING

A Reading from Genesis 2 18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING

A Reading from Hebrews 1 1-4, 2 5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,
'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honour,
subjecting all things under their feet.'

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,
'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: CP 538 – O Jesus I have promised

THE GOSPEL

All stand for the Gospel and face the reader

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10 2-16

Glory to you, O Lord

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them..

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

THE SERMON

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; he became 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please sit or kneel)*

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE PEACE *Please stand*

The priest offers the peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn: CP 379 – As pants the heart for cooling streams

THE OFFERTORY

The bread and wine are each offered to God, we respond...

Blessed be God for ever.

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

The priest praises God for his mighty acts...

**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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

Please sit or kneel....The priest recalls the Last Supper....The Eucharistic prayer continues and then the priest announces:

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus 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.**

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.**

We sing together:
**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.**

The priest shows the consecrated host to the congregation and says:

This is the Risen Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

You are warmly invited to feast at the Lord's table. If you are baptised and regularly take communion in your own church you are welcome to receive here at St Mary's. If you

don't receive communion please come forward for a blessing carrying the order of service. During the distribution an anthem or hymns may be sung.

Communion Hymn: CP 517 – Loving shepherd of thy sheep

The priest says "let us pray" and prays the post-communion prayer:

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service of 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.**

**Hymn: CP 606 – Thy hand O God has guided
(omit verses 3 & 5)**

Please remain standing after the hymn.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you
And also with you

The priest gives the blessing of God

THE DISMISSAL

Jesus asked "Who do you say I am?"

You are the Christ, you have the message of eternal life, and we believe.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen