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St Mary
the Virgin



Festal Eucharist
of Christ our Great High Priest

The Eucharist

Toby Wright's 20th anniversary of priesting

Sunday 03 July 2022

**We warmly welcome everyone
to Saint Mary's Church**

A particular welcome to any who join us today. Do join us for drinks after the service!

If you are interested in becoming a part of what is happening through the church please speak to one of the welcomers afterwards.

Today we celebrate Toby Wright's 20th anniversary of priesting, and pray for all who have anniversaries of priesting at this time, and for vocations to the priesthood.

God calls people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of the Kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries.

Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.

The Procession

As the sacristy bell sounds all stand and turn to the West Door for the opening Liturgy

We bow down and confess you are Lord in this place.
We bow down and confess you are Lord in this place.
You are all I need; it's your face I seek.
In the presence of your light we bow down, we bow down.

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Warden: What do you seek?

Toby: I seek mercy and I seek the love of God, that I may continue to be a faithful priest in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Warden Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful people

All **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

The wardens clothe the Priest with a white chasuble. The chasuble (literally 'little house') shows the priest is clothed with Christ in priesthood and unites the priest with Christ our Great High Priest.

Warden Gracious God, you have appointed your Word, Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest. Guide those you have chosen to be ministers of word and sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Glory to God, the mother of creation,
in love you brought the universe to birth,
then gave your life to purchase the salvation
of all the sons and daughters of the earth.
Glory to you, for love that's shown through history:
the warp and weft that patterns time and space.
By grace you're known, yet known to be a mystery,
and we can touch eternity in your embrace.

Glory to you for calling us to service,
shepherds and stewards, messengers and priests,
we give ourselves in gratitude and gladness
as guests and hosts at your thanksgiving feast.
Our hearts exult in loving affirmation,
We sing with joy, your greatness we proclaim.
Your praise resounds in every generation,
Our souls with Mary magnify your holy name.

We are united, in Christ's body dwelling,
one in the Spirit: wind and fire and dove;
one in the grace and hope of every calling,
to lift the ways of earth to heav'n above.
Through all our lives your power is ever flowing,
To show your work of love is underway;
Stir up your gift in us, your grace bestowing,
so we may speak and live your Word afresh today.

Words: Ally Barrett

Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish Traditional Melody

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

The service is introduced and the children are invited to head to their activities.

God has redeemed us,
called us by name and made us God's own,
and yet we forget that all we have is gift.
Let us confess our desire
to place ourselves at the heart of creation:

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our
own selfish ends;
God, have mercy.
All **God, have mercy.**

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds
which dishonour God's holy name;
God, have mercy.
All **God, have mercy.**

You showered us with blessing,
but we have been grudging towards other
and lacking in generosity in word and deed;
God, have mercy.
All **God, have mercy.**

The Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit and raise you to new life
in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We then join in the song of the Angels in praise of God

The Gloria

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 Collect

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first reading, 2 Kings 5.1-14. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn

We stand for this hymn which was sung at Toby's first mass in Petersfield 20yrs ago today

What do you want of me Lord?
Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises?
I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the Lord.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name Lord
And I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self,
Sing your song in me.
Jesus, Jesus you are my Lord.
Jesus, Jesus you are the way.

Above, below, and around me
Before, behind, and all through me
Your Spirit burns deep within me
Fire my life with Your love.
Jesus, Jesus be warmth of my heart.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

You are the light in my darkness
You are my strength when I'm weary
You give me sight when I'm blinded
Come see for me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my light.
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I am your song and servant
Singing your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to your Spirit,
'Let it be done to me.'
Jesus, Jesus, 'Let it be done to me.'
Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Words Sr Donna Marie McGargill OSM
Source: Celebration for everyone

We sit for the second reading, Galatians 6.7-16. At the end

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

We remain standing for the Alleluia which heralds the Gospel,
Luke 10.1-11, 16-20.

The choir sings first and the congregation then joins in.

Choir/cantor, then all repeat. All repeat once between verses if applicable.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

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

The Sermon

We sit for the sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

In response to the word reflected on, let us stand
and share a celebration of faith.

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,
and the world came into being.
The Word of God in the vastness brought light from
darkness,
matter from nothing,
flesh from dust,
life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine
the Word of God came to us.
Even though of one being with the Creator,
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form, was born,
lived and walked among us,
speaking the words of life.
He was crucified, died, and was buried.
He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
whispers the Word,
and calls us back to the Creator,
back to the Christ,
back to the wholeness of everlasting life
in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.**

~ from *Ash Wednesday (Silence)* written by Lisa Frenz

The Intercessions

United in the power of the Trinity,
we offer our prayers and praises to the throne of grace:

God of mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and loving God,
All **accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus
All **We belong to Christ through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.**

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

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

The Offertory Hymn

We stand as the Offertory Hymn is sung and the gifts of bread and wine are placed upon the Altar. The collection is also taken and presented. The bread, wine and money are all gifts from God and our offering of them back to God is a sign of the offering of our lives in the Lord's service.

Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light,
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service –
sing his praise, his love declare.

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- Everyone is welcome to be here.
- All* **In this way, we lift up a world of inclusion,
where all people live with respect and dignity.**
Everyone present will receive a share.
- All* **In this way, we lift up a world of generosity,
where, as in the examples of Jesus,
abundance overcomes scarcity so all are fed.**
Everyone is invited now to take a portion,
and to see others also receive.
- All* **In this way, we lift up a world of sufficiency,
where entrenched systems of privilege are challenged,**

**wealth is shared equally, and all are satisfied with
enough.**

(J. Nelson-Pallmeyer/wsj)

Sursum Corda

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

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Eternal God,
in the abundance of your love
you have caused all things to be;
from dust and spirit
you have woven our humanity;
in all our wanderings
you never cease to call us to fullness of life.
You gave us Jesus, son of Mary,
the bread of life broken for the world;
he fed us and feasted with us,
he healed us and suffered for us;
his dying and rising have set us free
from the power of sin
and the famine of death.

Therefore, with all whom you have made,
cherished and called,
with all who hunger for your kingdom
and will not rest until all your children are fed,
with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages,
we take up the song of your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty;
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty;
who was, and is, and is to come,
who was, and is, and is to come:**

**lift up his name with the sound of singing,
lift up his name in all the earth,
lift up your voice and give God glory,
for God is worthy to be praised! (Repeat)**

Words and Music: Nathan Fellingham

We ask that your Holy Spirit
will fall upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things
✠ may be to us the body and blood
of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ;
who, on the night that he was betrayed,
gathered with his faltering friends
for a meal that tasted of freedom.
Calling them to his table,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

‘This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.’

**Jesus, we enthrone you
We proclaim you our king
Standing here, in the midst of us
We raise you up with our praise.**

***And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
Come Lord Jesus and take your place!***

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying:
'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.'

**Jesus, we enthrone you
We proclaim you our king
Standing here, in the midst of us
We raise you up with our praise.**

***And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
Come Lord Jesus and take your place!***

As on that night, so here and now
he offers himself in touch and taste
beyond all words can hold.

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

Therefore, in our eating and drinking
we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;
we proclaim him as creation's host,
transforming poverty into plenty
in the reckless generosity of love.

Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be
no more and people without number
will come from east and west, north and south
to share the kingdom meal.
We ask this 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,
Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**Jesus, we enthrone you
We proclaim you our king
Standing here, in the midst of us
We raise you up with our praise.**

***And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
And as we worship build your throne
Come Lord Jesus and build you church!***

The Lord's Prayer

Made in God's image, and formed by God's love,
Let us pray in the Spirit as our Saviour taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated host

We break this bread to share our unity with creation in Christ
and to share in the creativity of God.

All **Though we are many, we are one creation,
because we all share in the love of the creator.**

All **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.**

All God's holy gifts for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We break the bread for the whole world. We invite all who seek God and are drawn to Christ, and all who walk the way of faith to come forward and receive the body and blood of Christ as directed by the Sidesperson. Or you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing – please carry this booklet and bow your head. Gluten free wafers are available on request.

The Communion Hymn

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
Most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways.
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom, your service is song,
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your Word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart:
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if e'er I disown you I stumble and fall;
but, sworn in glad service your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Words: Jack Winslow (1882-1974)
Music: SLANE, Irish Melody

The Post Communion Prayer

After a period of silence, we stand with the Priest to pray

**All God of power,
whose Holy Spirit renews your people
in the bread and wine we bless and share:
may the boldness of the Spirit transform us,
the gentleness of the Spirit lead us,
and the gifts of the Spirit equip us to serve and worship
you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Notices

We sit for the notices

The Blessing

We stand

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

Go out into the world in peace; have courage;
hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the
suffering; honour all people; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Recessional Hymn

O God of blessings, all praise to you!
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.
You are the freedom of those oppressed;
You are the comfort of all distressed:
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for wisdom, great gift sublime,
Through words and teachers of every time;
For ancient stories and knowledge new,
For coaches, mentors, and couns'ors true.
Whose life of service brought us to you:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
To preach and witness with hearts on fire.
Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
To Sing the new reign where mighty fall;
With them may we live your Gospel call:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for music, deep gift profound,
Through hands and voices in holy sound:
The psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
In wordless splendour and lyric phrase.
With all creation one song we raise:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

All praise for Jesus, best gift divine,
Through word and witness, in bread and wine;
Incarnate Love Song of boundless grace,
Priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
Your steadfast kindness with human face:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

A billion voices in one great song,
Now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
In ev'ry culture and style and key,
From hill and valley, with sky and sea,
With Christ we praise you eternally:
Soli Deo Gloria! Soli Deo Gloria!

Words and Music: Marty Haugen
Soli Deo Gloria means To God alone be glory

Let us bless the Lord!
All **Thanks be to God**

After the service, Francis Rumsey will play Henri Mulet's Toccata: Tu est Petrus. Mulet was a French organist and composer who was born on 17 October 1878 in Paris, and died on 20 September 1967. He studied organ with Guilmant and Widor. He served as an organist in several churches in Paris and as organist at the cathedral in Draguignan until 1958, and entrusted himself to the care of the monks at the abbey there. This piece, written in 1912, is seen as a battle against good and evil, in which good triumphs.

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks after the Eucharist.

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