



Living churches at the heart of their communities...

**St Giles', Durham,  
St Cuthbert's, Shadforth and St Mary's, Sherburn**

**A Service of the Word  
Sunday 6 September 2020  
St Mary's Patronal Festival**



*Isaiah 7. 10-14; Psalm 45. 10-17; Romans 8. 18-30 and Luke 1. 46-55*

*This service booklet is yours to keep and take home with you.*

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## Preparation

### Greeting

O Lord, open our lips  
**All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

### Prayers of Penitence

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.

#### *Silence is kept*

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

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

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

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.

**All Amen.**

## **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.**

## **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who stooped to raise fallen humanity  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature  
and your love made perfect in our weakness,  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and conformed to the pattern of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Bible Reading

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. 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. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

For the word of the Lord

*All*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 45. 10-17

Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear;  
forget your people and your father's house,  
and the king will desire your beauty.  
Since he is your lord, bow to him;  
the people of Tyre will seek your favour with gifts,  
the richest of the people with all kinds of wealth.

The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes;  
in many-coloured robes she is led to the king;  
behind her the virgins, her companions, follow.  
With joy and gladness they are led along  
as they enter the palace of the king.

In the place of ancestors you, O king, shall have sons;  
you will make them princes in all the earth.  
I will cause your name to be celebrated in all generations;  
therefore the peoples will praise you for ever and ever.

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

*All* **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Luke

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

## **Reflection**

### **Creed**

*All*    **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*The following response is used:*

Lord, hear us.

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

### **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.

## Conclusion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord:  
*All* **thanks be to God.**  
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,**  
**here and everywhere,**  
**now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## Notices

### St Mary's Patronal Festival

St Mary's are celebrating this Festival today and would normally do so by all of us being together at St Mary's Church. Obviously, sadly, this still isn't possible at the moment so our services in all three churches will share the same Collects and readings so that we can all keep the Festival, even though we are not together.

We will be re-starting our mid-week **10.00am Holy Communion** service at St Giles with effect from next **Wednesday, 9 September**;

and will recommence **Evening Prayer** at 6.00pm on Sundays with effect from next **Sunday, 13 September**.

Both these services, along with the 11.00am Sunday Eucharist will also be available to join by Zoom.

### Morning and Evening Prayer 6 - 12 September

	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 6 September</b>	Psalms 119. 17-32 Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 Revelation 8. 1-5	Psalms 108 Ezekiel 12.21 - 13.16 Acts 19. 1-20
<b>Monday 7 September</b>	Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126 2 Samuel 18. 1-18 Acts 10. 34-end	Psalms 127, 128, 129 Proverbs 25. 1-14 Mark 8. 11-21
<b>Tuesday 8 September</b> <i>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Psalms 132, 133 2 Samuel 18.19 - 19.8a Acts 11. 1-18	Psalms 135 Proverbs 25. 15-end Mark 8. 22-26
<b>Wednesday 9 September</b>	Psalms 119. 153-end 2 Samuel 19. 8b-23 Acts 11. 19-end	Psalms 136 Proverbs 26. 12-end Mark 8.27 - 9.1
<b>Thursday 10 September</b>	Psalms 143, 146 2 Samuel 19. 24-end Acts 12. 1-17	Psalms 138, 140, 141 Proverbs 27. 1-22 Mark 9. 2-13
<b>Friday 11 September</b>	Psalms 142, 144 2 Samuel 23. 1-7 Acts 12. 18-end	Psalms 145 Proverbs 30. 1-9, 24-31 Mark 9. 14-29
<b>Saturday 12 September</b>	Psalms 147 2 Samuel 24 Acts 13. 1-12	Psalms 148, 149, 150 Proverbs 31. 10-end Mark 9. 30-37

