



**St Mary Redcliffe**

**Eucharist in the Vacancy  
Season**

# Welcome to St Mary Redcliffe

***Singing the song of faith and justice***  
***as a thriving, inclusive Christian community***  
***as a recognised, welcoming heritage destination***  
***as a church that makes a difference in the parish and beyond***

*Welcome to this service of Holy Communion which brings together our congregations in church and online.*

*Please be aware that **this service is livestreamed**. Our online congregation would love to see you, as it helps us to feel together, but if this causes you difficulties, please speak to a welcomer who will assist you to find an appropriate seat.*

*If you are unsure where we are in the service, please do turn and ask those around you if you wish: or put the books to one side, let the worship carry on around you and enjoy the presence of God made known through music, colour, architecture and movement.*

*May the glory of God enthrall you,  
the wonder of God inspire you,  
and the love of God fill you.*

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# THE GATHERING

*The congregation joins in those parts of the service **Printed in Bold***

*Duty Warden or Church Representative says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Duty Warden or Church Representative greets the gathered congregation*

## Prayer of Preparation

*We say together*

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing the **Processional Hymn**. The words are in the hymn book, the number will be announced and displayed on the hymn board.*

*Members of Children's Church join the Procession, following the choir and ministers.*

*The online congregation may light a candle at home as the altar candles are lit in church*

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness**

**but will have the light of life.'**

As his followers, wherever we are,  
**we light a light in the name of Christ  
who gives us the light of life.**

*Please sit*

## **Children's Church Welcome**

*We say*

**Jesus teach us all we pray to follow you along the way,  
be our guide in all we do, help us all learn more from you. Amen.**

*Children's Church leave for their groups.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister says these or other words suitable for the day*

Jesus said:

Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.

As children together in God's family,

we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Please kneel or sit for a period of silence before saying together*

**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.**

*In Lent and Advent the Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy) is said or sung*

*Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy*

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*Christe eleison Christ have mercy*

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*Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy*

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*Kyrie eleison Lord have mercy*

*The president says*

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.**

*In the season of **Ordinary Time**, please stand to sing the Gloria  
In **Lent and Advent**, the Gloria will be omitted*

Glory be to God on high,

**and in earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,**

**we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art Holy, Thou only art the Lord,  
Thou only O Christ with the Holy Ghost  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*During **Advent**, a minister will light the Advent Wreath.*

*The president says the **Collect** for the day and we respond **Amen***

*Please sit*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*At the end of the reading, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn**. The words are in the hymn book, the number will be announced and displayed on the hymn board.*

### **New Testament Reading**

*At the end of the reading, the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*During the Gospel Acclamation the gospel procession moves to the centre of the church. Please turn to face the procession.*

*In the season of **Ordinary Time**, the Choir sings “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.”*

*We all sing **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

*The choir sings the verse*

*We all sing **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

*In the season of **Lent and Advent** the choir sings “Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.”*

*We all sing **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.***

*The choir sing the verse*

*We all sing **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.***

## **Gospel Reading**

*A minister says*

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end the minister says*

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

*The Organist plays an improvisation*

*Please sit*

## **Sermon**

## **Creed**

*Please stand*

*A minister says*

Let us proclaim our faith together

**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,  
was 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

*A minister says*

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs:

*Please kneel or sit*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy            or  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

*At the end this response is used*

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

*Please stand*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### Peace

*The president says these words*

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

*A minister says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The congregations in church and at home are invited to share the  
peace with each other.*

*We sing the **Offertory Hymn** during which bread and wine are placed on the altar. The words are in the hymn book, the number will be announced and displayed on the hymn board.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The president takes the bread and wine and says*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

*Please kneel*

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*During which Children's Church return and gather at the West End.*

*The president sings and we all respond*

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.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;

you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*The choir sings*

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.

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:  
“Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*A minister says*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*The president says*

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread and says*

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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Those in church who usually receive communion in any church are welcome to do so here, or may come for a blessing. Please ask if you would like a blessing or a gluten free wafer.*

*Please wait in your seat until invited to come up.*

*The choir sings*

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*During communion the choir sings a **Motet and a Hymn.***

## **Prayer after Communion**

*A minister says*

Let us pray

*Please kneel. The president says the prayer for the day and we respond **Amen.***

*Then we say together*

**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.**

*The Duty Warden or Church Representative will read the **Notices***

*Please stand*

# THE DISMISSAL

*The ministers and choir process out as we sing the **Recessional Hymn**. The words are in the hymn book; the number will be announced and displayed on the hymn board.*

## **The Blessing**

*The president says these or other words suitable for the day*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all, wherever you are,  
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The service concludes with an **Organ Voluntary**.*

### **Pastoral Team**

Have you noticed someone absent from church? Do you know if someone is struggling or unwell? Or would you like a friendly listening ear?

Please contact the Pastoral Team if you have any pastoral concerns or needs. Please email Denise Reynolds on [pastoral@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk) where she will connect you with one of our team.

*If you are sharing someone else's name and details,  
please get their permission first.*

## Retiring Collection

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