



DIOCESE OF
Bath & Wells

Living the story. Telling the story.

Shaping our Future

In response to God's immense love for us, we seek to be
God's people living and telling the story of Jesus

We have discerned three priorities for action that need to be at the centre of our diocesan life to help each and every one of us:

- 1. To place mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do.**
- 2. To realign our ministry resources towards mission.**
- 3. To identify, develop and use the gift of all our people**

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit guide us into the future.

Help us, throughout the diocese, to show uninhibited reliance on your grace and power as we seek the renewal of our lives.

Give us courage, rigour, imagination and generosity in order that your kingdom may come and your abundant life be known by all. Amen



The Parish of Peasedown St John HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am - Sunday 20th January 2019 - 2nd of Epiphany

'Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.' Deuteronomy 16:16

Welcome/Notices

Worship in Song

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 Him glory,

For He is worthy to be praised

There's nothing worth more

That will ever come close

Nothing can compare

You're our living hope

Your presence

I've tasted and seen

Of the sweetest of love

Where my heart becomes free

And my shame is undone

Your presence Lord

Holy Spirit you are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the

atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long

for

To be overcome by Your presence Lord

1 I will worship (I will worship)

With all of my heart; (with all of my heart)

I will praise You (I will praise You)

With all of my strength. (all my strength)

I will seek You (I will seek You)

All of my days. (all of my days)

I will follow (I will follow)

All of Your ways. (all Your ways)

2 I will bow down, (I will bow down)

Hail You as King, (hail You as King)

I will serve You, (I will serve You)

Give You everything (give You everything)

I will lift up (I will lift up)

My eyes to Your throne, (my eyes to Your throne)

I will trust You, (I will trust You)

I will trust You alone. (trust You alone)

Chorus

I will give You all my worship,

I will give you all my praise.

You alone I long to worship,

You alone are worthy of my praise.

Confession

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

First Reading – Deuteronomy 16:1-8

First Pilgrim Feast - Passover

Observe the month of Aviv and celebrate the Passover of the Lord your God, because in the month of Aviv he brought you out of Egypt by night. **2** Sacrifice as the Passover to the Lord your God an animal from your flock or herd at the place the Lord will choose as a dwelling for his Name. **3** Do not eat it with bread made with yeast, but for seven days eat unleavened bread, the bread of affliction, because you left Egypt in haste—so that all the days of your life you may remember the time of your departure from Egypt. **4** Let no yeast be found in your possession in all your land for seven days. Do not let any of the meat you sacrifice on the evening of the first day remain until morning.

5 You must not sacrifice the Passover in any town the Lord your God gives you **6** except in the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name. There you must sacrifice the Passover in the evening, when the sun goes down, on the anniversary^[a] of your departure from Egypt. **7** Roast it and eat it at the place the Lord your God will choose. Then in the morning return to your tents. **8** For six days eat unleavened bread and on the seventh day hold an assembly to the Lord your God and do no work. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Open the eyes of my heart.	As we sing holy, holy, holy.
I want to see You,	Holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You. (Repeat)	Holy, holy, holy,
To see You high and lifted up,	Holy, holy, holy,
Shining in the light of Your glory.	I want to see You.
Pour out Your power and love,	

Second Reading – Deuteronomy 16:9-17

Second Pilgrim Feast - The Festival of Weeks

9 Count off seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. **10** Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you. **11** And rejoice before the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name—you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, the Levites in your towns, and the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows living among you. **12** Remember that you were slaves in Egypt, and follow carefully these decrees.

Third Pilgrim Feast - The Festival of Tabernacles



Blessing and Dismissal- *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*
Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.

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

You are most welcome to stay for coffee after the end of service

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13 Celebrate the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days after you have gathered the produce of your threshing floor and your winepress. **14** Be joyful at your festival— you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. **15** For seven days celebrate the festival to the Lord your God at the place the Lord will choose. For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.

16 Three times a year all your men must appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles. No one should appear before the Lord empty-handed:

17 Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Talk Three Pilgrim Feasts – *Jerry Curd*

Song

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think you're like

But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night

And you tell me that you're pleased

And that I'm never alone

You're a Good, Good Father

It's who you are, it's who you are, it's who you are

And I'm loved by you

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide

But I know we're all searching

For answers only you provide

Cause you know just what we need

Before we say a word

Cause you are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways

You are perfect in all of your ways to us

Oh, it's love so undeniable

I, I can hardly speak

Peace so unexplainable

I, I can hardly think

As you call me deeper still [x3]

Into love, love, love

Prayers of Intercession

Loving God you have shown us, in Christ, the way to life, the path of faithful service, and the meaning of your kingdom, yet sometimes we fail to see it.

Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

You are always leading us forward, eager to guide us into new experiences of your love and a deeper understanding of your purpose, yet so often we refuse to follow where you would have us go. Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

Forgive us for losing the sense of direction with which we began our path of discipleship, for finding it so hard to deny ourselves, yet so easy to follow our own inclinations, for trusting you when all goes well, but doubting the moment life fails to conform to our expectations. Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

Forgive us for losing sight of your kingdom, repeatedly measuring success and greatness by our standards rather than yours, confusing strength with weakness and truth with falsehood. Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

Forgive us our failure to live as your people our repeated breaking of your commandments and disobeying of your will, our smallness of vision and shallowness of faith, our lack of love and feebleness of commitment. Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

Forgive us for preferring our own comfort and security to the way of faith, for putting ourselves and our interests before you, for so often putting ourselves out on our own behalf, yet so rarely on yours. Have mercy upon us, **and help us to walk in faith.**

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

Communion

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high voices full and joyful; these you deserve. For when we were nothing, you made us something; when we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children; when we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us; when we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And, look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You are worthy to receive all our praise. So we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven;

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised what have we to offer?

Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. we are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to remake us. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us your body and your blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole; And grant that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen

Song

Jesus, name above all names
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

Third Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." 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, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Bread & Wine is shared

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life in our hands. Now we put our lives in yours.

Take us, shake us, remake us; no longer is what we have been important; it is what, with you, we can be, starting now. Amen.

Song

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days
of your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert
crying prepare ye the way of the Lord
*Behold he comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call
Lift your voice, it's a year of jubilee
Out of zion's hill salvation comes*

These are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days
of your servant David,
rebuilding a temple of praise
These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers in the vineyard,
declaring the word of the Lord