



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 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'** Matthew 22:37-39

#### Welcome/Notices

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

#### Hymn

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, true branch of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

*Refrain*

3 O come, thou Day-spring,  
come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:  
*Refrain*

4 O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:  
*Refrain*

5 O come, O come thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:  
*Refrain*

#### Prayers of Penitence - *We sit or kneel to pray*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit. Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

**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.**

#### Absolution

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.**

#### Collect for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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,

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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 is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**First Reading** – Matthew 22:34-40

[34] Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. [35] One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question [36] “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” [37] Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship in Song**

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:**

His love endures forever.  
For he is good, he is above all things.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise.  
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,  
His love endures forever.  
For the life that’s been reborn.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever, God is faithful,  
forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
forever;  
Forever, God is faithful,  
forever God is strong.  
Forever God is with us,  
forever, forever.*  
From the rising to the setting sun,  
His love endures forever.  
By the grace of God, we will carry on.  
His love endures forever.  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
sing praise, sing praise.

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate,**

slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is good to all,  
he has compassion on all that he has made.

As far as the east is from the west,  
that’s how far he has removed our transgressions from us.

As far as the east is from the west,  
that’s how far he has removed our transgressions from us.

*Praise the Lord, oh my soul,  
praise the Lord.*

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praise the Lord.*

4 We call you now to worship Him  
As Lord of all.

To have no gods before Him,  
Their thrones must fall!

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*For the King of kings.*

*(For the King of kings.)*

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*And let His kingdom in.*

**Blessing and Dismissal** - *We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Let us return now to the world, for Christ is there, waiting to meet us and greet us. Let us go back with eyes open to see him, ears open to hear him, and a mind open to receive him, and a heart open to serve him, for his name’s sake. 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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## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*The President and people receive communion*

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Hymn

1 Make way, make way,  
for Christ the King  
In splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him  
Into your lives.

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*For the King of kings.*

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*Make way! (Make way!)*

*Make way! (Make way!)*

*And let His kingdom in.*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,  
The prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,  
The blind shall see. *Refrain*

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,  
Who weep and sigh;

With laughter, joy and royal crown

He'll beautify. *Refrain*

## I worship You Almighty God

There is none like You

I worship You O Prince of Peace

That is what I want to do

I give You praise

For You are my righteousness

I worship You Almighty God

There is none like You

## Second Reading– Exodus 20:1-17

[1] And God spoke all these words:[2] “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.[3] “You shall have no other gods before me.

[4] “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. [5] You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, [6] but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.[7] “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.[8] “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. [9] Six days you shall labour and do all your work, [10] but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. [11] For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.[12] “Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.[13] “You shall not murder.

[14] “You shall not commit adultery.[15] “You shall not steal.[16] “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.[17] “You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.” This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Talk - Ten Commandments – Derek Smith**

## Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Gracious God, you call us to love you with all our hearts and minds and soul.

You challenge us to love our neighbour as ourselves. You tell us through Christ that the whole law is summed up in one single commandment: to love. It all sounds so easy, so straightforward, but we know in reality it is so very difficult. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

Too often we love only ourselves, our every thought for our own welfare, our own ends, our own esteem, our own pleasures. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

Too often we reserve our love for the exclusive few, our families, our closest friends, our fellowship. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

And too often we are forgetful of others, indifferent to them, even hostile. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

Yet, worse than that, even when we think we love, we are sometimes deceiving ourselves. We are impatient of others' mistakes. We are slow to give help when it is needed, especially if it means putting ourselves out. We are envious of others' good fortune, more concerned with our own well-being than that of those around us. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

We are careless in what we say and self-centred in the way we think, ever prone to take offence, bearing grievances and harbouring resentment, even distorting and deceiving in order to get our way, or to avoid facing truths we would rather ignore. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

All too easily our love is destroyed. Instead of holding fast through difficulties, we automatically find ourselves believing the worst, feeling ourselves betrayed, giving up on love instead of working to nurture it. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

Lord of all, it is hard to love, especially when love is thrown back in our faces, or when those we are faced by seem unlovely, or when love is costly and demanding. We confess we wonder at times whether love is the right way at all, or simply a naive illusion, a pleasant but foolish fantasy. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

But you have shown us the way of love, made flesh in Christ - love that came to our world despite rejection, that reaches out to us in all our unloveliness, that was willing to pay the highest price and make the ultimate sacrifice. And through that love you offer life, not only to us but to all people - a life that can one day be free from all the things that divide and hurt and frighten us. Gracious God, **forgive us the febleness of our love.**

So now, we pray, take the little love we have, nurture, deepen, and expand it, until we have learned what love really means, until your love flows through our hearts, until love is all in all. **Amen.**

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

### **Peace**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

*Let us offer a sign of peace to those around us.*

### **Song**

A new commandment I give unto you:  
that you love one another as I have loved you,  
that you love one another as I have loved you.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.  
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if you have love one for another.

### **Eucharistic Prayer H**

*We sit or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer*

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son. **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me. **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son. **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray using the words our Saviour 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.**