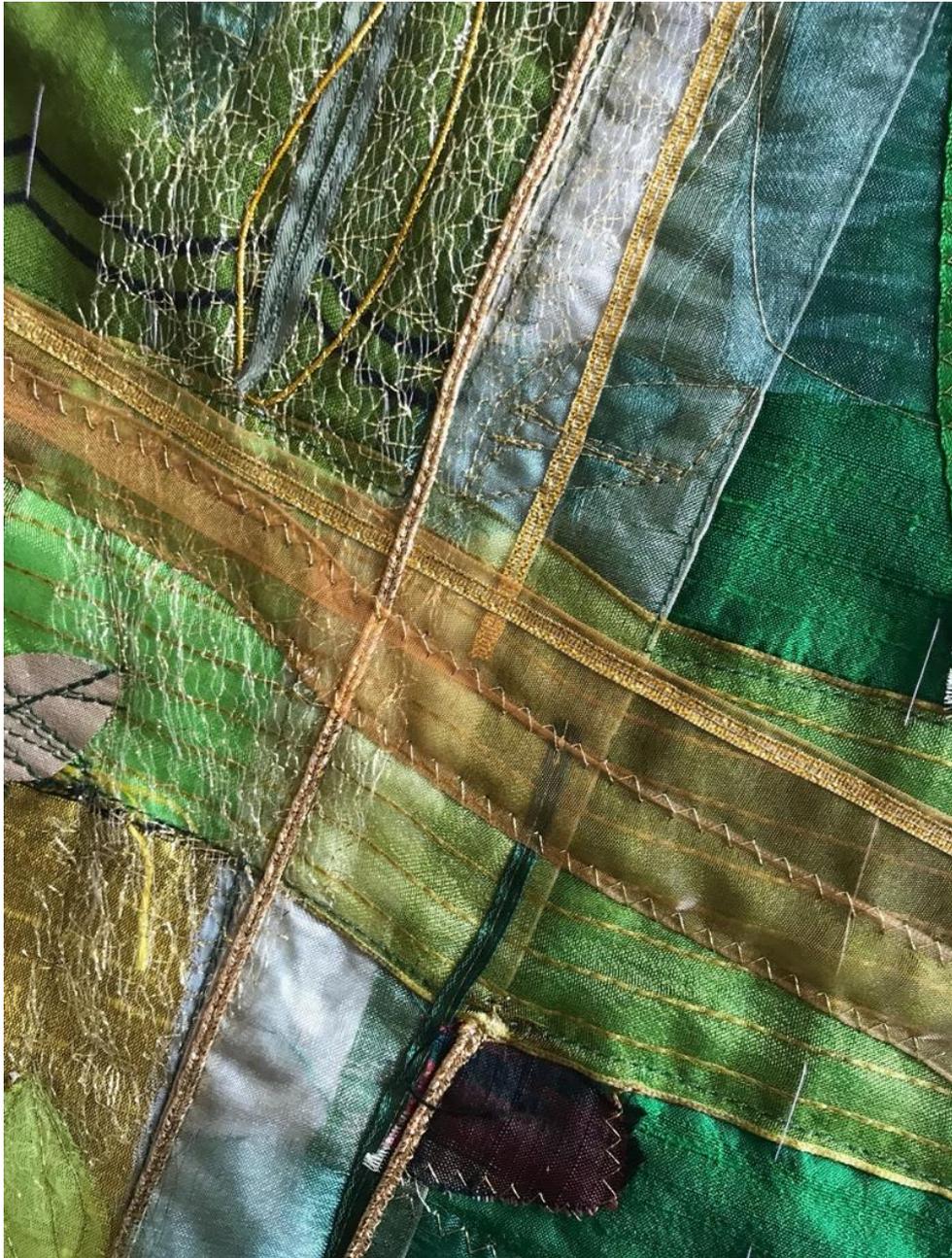


The Eucharist for Sundays after Trinity



**The Parishes of
St Paul's Clifton and Cotham**

Those parts of the service that change from week to week (readings and hymns) can be found in a supplementary sheet – please turn to this sheet where indicated with this symbol: ¶

We are also using hymn books in some services and numbers will be announced.

*We say or sing the words in **bold type***

The Gathering

A church warden welcomes all who have gathered and invites us to some moments of shared quiet preparation.

We stand

¶ Hymn: 310 I heard a voice of Jesus say

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Words of welcome, introduction and invitation

Prayers of Penitence

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.

**God our Father,
long suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life
in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness
of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength
of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Gloria

We sing these (or other words led by a cantor)

**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

a prayer set for the day is said

Almighty and eternal God,
who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,
allowed your holy apostle Thomas
to doubt the resurrection of your Son
till word and sight convinced him:
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe
and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit

¶ **Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 2.1-4**

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end,
and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous
live by their faith.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2.19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens
with the saints and also members of the household of God, built
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus
himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined
together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also
are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

At the end of the reading:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand as we sing:

¶ **Hymn, 123 Come my way**

¶ The Gospel Reading

The gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 20. 24-29

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

At the end of the reading of the gospel:

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

We sit

Reflection

One of the ministers shares thoughts and reflections on the readings and themes of the day; an encouragement to connect faith with our lives

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The Intercessions

The prayers may end:

Merciful Father

accept these prayers

**for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand

The Peace

We are the body of Christ,
in the one spirit, we were all baptised into one body.
let us, 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.

We offer a gesture of peace to those around us

¶ Hymn: LPI 16 Take this moment

1. Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

2. Take the time to call my name,
Take the time to mend
Who I am and what I've been,
All I've failed to tend.

3. Take the tiredness of my days,
Take my past regret,
Letting your forgiveness touch
All I can't forget

4. Take the little child in me
Scared of growing old;
Help me here to find my worth
Made in God's own mould.

5. Take my talents, take my skills,
Take what's yet to be;
Let my life be yours, and yet
Let it still be me.

Preparation of the table

As we come to the Table, bread and wine are taken and blest, and the bread is broken as we share the meal that re-members Jesus, the food that 'tastes of freedom'.

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth,
and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son,
your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation
and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit
to give life to our mortal bodies
and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the host of heaven,
we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

We sing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

We sit

The Lord's Prayer

In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to the Father,
in the words of the Son

**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 forever. Amen.**

Breaking Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

We sing:

**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.**

Invitation to communion

Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion.

Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear.

Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

**May this peace be in us and among us,
a sign of hope for a world renewed.**

Communion

*We keep an **Open Table** - **all** are invited and **all** are welcome to receive the bread that has been taken, blest and broken. If you would prefer to receive a blessing then please bring this service sheet with you to indicate this.*

Please ask if you need to receive gluten free bread.

¶Communion: 8| Bread is blessed

¶ Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Banns of Marriage, news and notices may be shared

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

¶ **Final Hymn:** 187 Forth in thy name