

**ST. STEPHEN'S BARBOURNE  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**CELEBRANT**

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**PREACHER**

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021 10.00am**

## **OPENING MUSIC**

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today:  
with your wonted loving-kindness  
hear your people as they pray;  
and your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all your servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from you forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in your glory  
evermore with you to reign.*

*Praise and honour to the Father,  
praise and honour to the Son,  
praise and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
while unending ages run*

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

**Amen.**

## **THE GATHERING**

## **THE GREETING**

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

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF PENITENCE  
AND ABSOLUTION**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us therefore call to mind and confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all people.

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

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*Please stand*

**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**

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,  
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 for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please be seated*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Ezekiel 2.1-5

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## **GRADUAL MUSIC**

And I will Trust (The Lord's my Shepherd)

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

*He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.*

*And I will trust.....*

*And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.*

*And I will trust.....*

## **GOSPEL READING**

Mark 6.1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **REFLECTION**

*By Mr. Mike Bunclark, Licensed Lay Reader  
St. Martin with St. Peter's Church, Worcester.*

What a lovely day – never mind the weather = this is a lovely day

It's a day I've been looking forward to for years - having played a small part in Lindsey's journey towards today

Now, fresh from being priested in the Cathedral yesterday this is Lindsey's first Eucharist at which she will preside and we are privileged to be able to share in it.

I am grateful to you for allowing me to be here and to have the honour of preaching.

An honour – but a daunting one. - No pressure then.

What do you say on such a day – a day of joy and celebration

First Let us give thanks

Give thanks to God – for His gift of Priests to minister to us – to lead us – to teach us – to nurture us and inspire us.

Give thanks to and for Lindsey – for taking up this ministry – for who she is – and what she gives and will give and add to the lives of the community here in St Stephens – and to all the communities in which she will live and work in the future.

Yes - We have much to give thanks for.

But I think we should also reflect

Reflect on the role of the priest

The role that Lindsey has committed her life to

What it asks of her and her fellow priests

Reflect on what we/you and I can do to assist them in their ministry

The cofe website describes the role of the vicar thus

***Vicars are disciples of Jesus Christ, who love God and neighbour, and are filled with an infectious and life transforming faith.***

***Vicars lead a church through prayer, teaching, and worship, enabling God's people to be better disciples of Christ.***

***Vicars preside at Holy Communion, baptisms, weddings, and funerals, walking alongside people in their joy and in their grief.***

***Vicars are generous to those who are different, striving to be mature, self-aware, and willing to learn.***

***Vicars are committed to the mission of the Church of England, working with others to build up the Church through recognising where God is at work in the world and in the lives of others.***

What a wonderful calling, What a privilege - But what challenges it carries with it.

Not the least of the challenges is us

Us, the people to whom they are called to minister

Us – who can be lovely, supportive, co-operative, enthusiastic on the one hand

And Questioning, demanding, resistant on the other – that's just part of us being human.

And God knows that – He knows that when he calls men and women to serve Him and he promises to equip them - but he warns them what they will have to deal with.

As he did to Ezekiel in today's reading

He said ***"Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.***

So – be prepared

Of course I'm not suggesting that we are impudent, stubborn or rebellious-that was Israel- that was then

But the message and the commission remains true today

***You shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' - Whether they hear or refuse to hear***

Because It seems to me that, for whatever reason, there will always be some who do not want to hear

As even Jesus encountered in today's gospel - -even in his own town.

Where, we are told, despite the astounding wisdom of His teaching and the deeds of power that were being done by him they took offence at Him – very much along the lines of "who does he think he is? – saying **Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us**

And he could do no deed of power there

And he could do no deed of power there

If it could happen to Jesus – it could happen to anyone.

I wonder have we ever switched off from listening because we have made some value judgement about the speaker rather than listening to the word.

And it is the priest's mission to speak the word of God wherever and to whomever He sends them – whatever their reaction.

And to lay themselves open - to give themselves totally to His task

As Jesus told the twelve

He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

**Take nothing - but yourself – all of yourself.**

Don't hold back - But He didn't leave them resource less – He gave them authority and power to act for Him – in this instance to cast out unclean spirits

And later he promises – I will be with you even unto the end of the age – and then he sent the Holy Spirit upon them.

Equipping them for the task of spreading his Gospel – founding His church

And he promises to similarly equip all who carry out His work today – All his priests and all who share in that ministry – for we are all so charged.

But it is His priests/ his ministers who have the particular charge – the cure of the souls in their care.

A joy – and a great responsibility at the same time

And one that could easily become all consuming.

Which might not be wise and could become harmful for the minister

And that's where we can come in.

We can ensure that we take great care of our Ministers / our priests – Andy and now Lindsey here at St Stephens.

We can ensure that they take good care of themselves – that they time out – for prayer – for time to themselves – for days off- for holidays – for family – for a right work-life balance. For their good and ours.

We can relieve them of tasks capable of being done by others.

We can support them in their work, support them in their vision.

Most of all – we can love them and care for them – as they love and care for us.

As I'm sure you will

So may God bless you all at St Stephens and you Lindsey as together you embark on this next phase of Lindsey's ministry.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen**

**THE CREED**

*Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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***

*Please sit or kneel*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:

Through your Son you have redeemed us;

In your Spirit you have made us your own.

Today we pray for Lindsey as she seeks to serve you in this place. We ask for your blessing on her, and for her to know your loving presence at all times. We thank you for her many gifts, and for all she brings to our worship and community. We pray for Andy and all those who seek to grow your kingdom here in our city. We rejoice in being able to be part of this service bringing before you those who cannot be with us, through age, illness or fear of covid. Make our hearts respond to your love.

Lord, receive our praise **and hear our prayer”**

We pray for our world, remembering those who are struggling to survive, those whose livelihoods have been destroyed by natural disasters or by conflict and greed. Uphold all who bring relief and work to save lives. We pray for justice and righteousness. Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.

Lord, receive our praise **and hear our prayer**"

We pray for those in our city who rely on the foodbank, Maggs day centre and St Pauls hostel. Be with those who care for others, in hospital or care homes, those who foster children and young people, that they may have compassion and respect for those who need support. Make our wills eager to obey, and our hands ready to heal.

In a moment's quiet, we hold before God those we know who are struggling with illness, asking God's blessing on them – including Brenda Hulland, Paul Burston, David New, Anna Clements, and Adrina and Alan Price

Lord, receive our praise **and hear our prayer**"

We give thanks for the lives of Richard Wickham, Linda Hampton, Simon Bowen, William Layton, Betty Wake, Evelyn King, Edwin Hulme, Freda Keightley, and Bryan Pardoe. Make our voices one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Lord of life hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever.

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

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

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

## ***THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT***

***THE PEACE***  
*Please stand*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

***OFFERTORY MUSIC***  
Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I am found,  
was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come,  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far  
and grace will lead me home.*

*The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE AND PRAYERS**

Blessed are you...  
.....It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you...  
.....It will become for us the cup of salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Yours Lord...  
.....for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord is here.  
**His 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.**

Father you made the world...  
.....And so we gladly thank you,  
With saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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....  
.....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...

.....for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

***BREAKING OF THE 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.**

**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.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Do not be afraid for I have redeemed you

*Do not be afraid,  
For I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name;  
You are mine.*

*When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,  
You will never sink beneath the waves.  
Do not be afraid...*

*When the fire is burning all around you,  
You will never be consumed by the flames.  
Do not be afraid...*

*When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
Then remember I am at your side.  
Do not be afraid...*

*When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
Remember you are precious in my eyes.  
Do not be afraid...*

*You are mine, O my child; I am your father,  
And I love you with a perfect love.*

*Do not be afraid...*

*Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here.*

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.*

*Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.*

Here I am, Lord

*I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I who made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them  
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if You lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart  
I, the Lord of snow and rain  
I have born my peoples pain  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away  
I will break their hearts of stone  
Give them hearts for love alone  
I will speak my word to them  
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am Lord...*

*I, the Lord of wind and rain  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?*

*Here I am Lord...*

## **PRAYER AFTER 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.

**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.**

## **NOTICES AND THANKSGIVINGS**

## **THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

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 among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

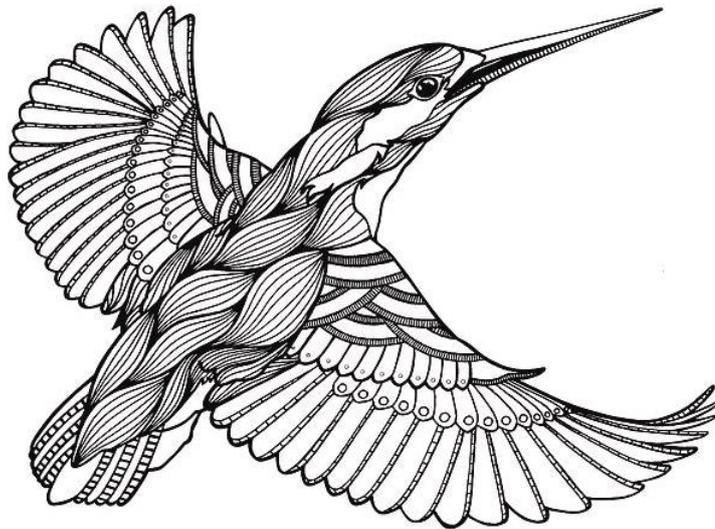
Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POST COMMUNION MUSIC**

### **You Shall Go Out With Joy**

*You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace.  
And the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.*

*And all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands,  
the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.  
The trees of the field  
will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy.*



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