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**Parish of St Mary the Virgin**

**Great Shelford**



**Third Sunday After Trinity**

6 July 2025

10am

Welcome to St Mary’s, and to the service today.

If you would like to get to know us better, please talk to one of the clergy or Sidespersons.

If you would like a clergy visit, please let us know.

Please note that when asked to kneel or stand, you can do this in body or in heart.

**Please stand as the Choir process to the back of the Church and the first hymn is announced.**

**Opening hymn 52: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

1. **O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!**

**Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;**

**With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,**

**Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

1. **Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,**

**High on his heart he will bear it for thee,**

**Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,**

**Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

1. **Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness**

**Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:**

**Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,**

**These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

1. **These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,**

**He will accept for the name that is dear;**

**Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,**

**Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

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**Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

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**THE GATHERING**

*The president says,*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**The Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All** **and also with you.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**All: 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

**Prayers of Confession**

*Please sit or kneel*

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. (c.f. Ephesians 4:30,32)

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,**

**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour;**

**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.**

**Absolution**

The Lord enrich you with his grace,

and nourish you with his blessing;

the Lord defend you in trouble

and keep you from all evil;

the Lord accept your prayers,

and absolve you from your offences,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

**All Amen.**

*We stand and pray together as the children prepare to leave for their activities in the Community Room:*

**All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our Saviour:**

**he blessed the children who came to him,**

**and welcomes those who come to him now.**

**Look with love upon these children**

**and protect them with your care.**

**May they grow in wisdom, age and strength in your presence**

**and in the sight of all.**

**We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*We remain standing to sing the Gloria*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heav’nly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

*David Thorne*

*Please remain standing.* *The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

**The Collect**

**All Almighty God,**

**you have broken the tyranny of sin**

**and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts**

**whereby we call you Father:**

**give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,**

**that we and all creation may be brought**

**to the glorious liberty of the children of God;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

*Please sit for the readings*

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading: 2 Kings 5.1–14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. She said to her mistress, ‘If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, ‘Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.’

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, ‘When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.’ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

*The reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**.

**Second Reading: Galatians 6. 1 – 16**

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour’s work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.] Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

*The reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual hymn 370: Help us, O Lord, to learn**

1. **Help us, O Lord, to learn**

**The truths thy word imparts:**

**To study that thy laws may be**

**Inscribed upon our hearts.**

1. **Help us, O Lord, to live**

**The faith which we proclaim,**

**That all our thoughts and words and deeds**

**May glorify thy name.**

1. **Help us, O Lord, to teach**

**The beauty of thy ways,**

**That all who seek may find the Christ,**

**And sing aloud his praise.** *William Watkins Reid Jr. b 1923 Tune SANDYS*

**The Gospel**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness

but will have the light of life.

*cf John 8.12*

**All: Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” ‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’  The seventy returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’ *Luke 10.1–11, 16–20*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Short silence*

**THE CREED**

Let us stand to affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All    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 to pray*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

let us pray to the Father.

*At the end*

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace**

*Please stand*

Blessed are the peacemakers;

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory hymn : 373: How shall I sing that majesty**

**1 How shall I sing that majesty**

**Which angels do admire?**

**Let dust in dust and silence lie;**

**Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.**

**Thousands of thousands stand around**

**Thy throne, O God most high;**

**Ten thousand times ten thousand sound**

**Thy praise; but who am I?**

**2 Thy brightness unto them appears,**

**Whilst I thy footsteps trace;**

**A sound of God comes to my ears,**

**But they behold thy face.**

**They sing because thou art their Sun;**

**Lord, send a beam on me;**

**For where heaven is but once begun**

**There alleluias be.**

**3 Enlighten with faith’s light my heart,**

**Inflame it with love’s fire;**

**Then shall I sing and bear a part**

**With that celestial choir.**

**I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,**

**With all my fire and light;**

**Yet when thou dost accept their gold,**

**Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,**

**Which doth all beings keep!**

**Thy knowledge is the only line**

**To sound so vast a deep.**

**Thou art a sea without a shore,**

**A sun without a sphere;**

**Thy time is now and evermore,**

**Thy place is everywhere.** *John Mason c1645-1694. Tune* *COE FEN*

**Preparation of the Table**

*Please remain standing*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:

through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,

which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

*All*    **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,

fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All**   **Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says*

The Lord is here

**All** **His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your

covenant of grace.

You gave to your people the law

and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus / Benedictus

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*David Thorne*

*Please sit or kneel*

Lord God, you are the most holy one,

enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ

you reveal the power of your love

made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,

Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end,

he gave himself to death for us;

dying for his own,

he set us free from the bonds of sin,

that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all

he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered

on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection,

his bursting from the tomb,

we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high

and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect,

sacrifice of our redemption,

Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our

Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ

and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people

and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth,

heal the sick,

let the oppressed go free

and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth

to feast with Mary and all your saints

at the table in your kingdom,

where the new creation is brought to perfection

in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,

for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All**    **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.*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

***All***    **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.

**All Amen.**

**Giving of Communion**

*The president says*

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.

**Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.** *David* *Thorne*

#### If you normally receive communion in your usual Church you are welcome to do so here. If you would like a wafer with the wine already present, please ask, but do not dip. Similarly, if you would like gluten free wafer, please ask. If you would like to receive a blessing please carry this Booklet.

**Hymn During the Communion: O God you search me**

**1 O God, you search me and you know me,**

**All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.**

**When I walk or lie down you are before me:**

**Ever the maker and keeper of my days.**

**2 You know my resting and my rising,**

**You discern my purpose from afar,**

**And with love everlasting you besiege me:**

**In ev’ry moment of life or death, you are.**

**3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,**

**You have known it’s meaning through and through.**

**You are with me beyond my understanding:**

**God of my present, my past and future too.**

**4 Although your spirit is upon me,**

**Still I search for shelter from your light.**

**There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:**

**Even the darkness is radiant in your sight.**

**5 For you created me and shaped me,**

**Gave me life within my mother’s womb.**

**For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:**

**Safe in your hands, all creation is made new.**

Bernadette Farrel. Tune O GOD YOU SEARCH MEAND YOU KNOW ME

**Prayer After Communion**

**O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining**

**and whose power we cannot comprehend:**

**show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,**

**and shield us from knowing more than we can bear**

**until we may look upon you without fear;**

**through Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

*Thanksgiving, said by everyone.*

**All 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.**

**SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK Mary Mouse & NOTICES**

**Hymn: 420: O Jesus, I have promised**

1. **O Jesus, I have promised**

**To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me,**

**My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle**

**If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway**

**If thou wilt be my guide.**

1. **O let me hear thee speaking**

**In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,**

**The murmurs of self will;  
O speak to reassure me,**

**To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,**

**Thou guardian of my soul.**

1. **O Jesus, thou hast promised**

**To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory**

**There shall thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised**

**To serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,**

**My Master and my Friend.**

1. **O let me see thy footmarks,**

**And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly**

**Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,**

**Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,**

**My Saviour and my Friend.** *John Bode 1816-74 Tune WOLVERCOTE*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**May the Father from whom every family**

**in earth and heaven receives its name**

**strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,**

**so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;**

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**All**  **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service.***

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