ST JAMES CHURCH
BULKINGTON

A Service of Holy Communion

The Last Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St James, the parish Church of Bulkington. Thank you for joining us today whether you are in the building or worshipping from home. We are very glad to be with you.

Holy Communion (or the Eucharist) is the central act of Christian worship. Through our community celebration of the Eucharist, we tell the story of God with his people throughout history, and proclaim that this God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is real among us.

Please give generously to support St James. You can
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Any suggestions of posture (sitting/standing) are entirely optional – please do what is most comfortable for you.

The Gathering

We meet together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord 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.

Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends each burning eye
At mysteries so bright

3 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole that wars may cease
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet

4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity

Confession and Absolution

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

All: **Most merciful God,**
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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.
All: **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All: **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

We spend a moment in quiet prayer and then a minister prays:

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
All: **Amen**

The Liturgy of the Word

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo,
to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and
the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as
Dan, [2] all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all
the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, [3] the Negeb, and
the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm

trees—as far as Zoar. [4] The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land
of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying,
“I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with
your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ [5] Then Moses,
the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at
the Lord’s command. [6] He was buried in a valley in the land
of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial
place to this day. [7] Moses was one hundred and twenty years
old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour
had not abated. [8] The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains
of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for
Moses was ended.

[9] Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because
Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed
him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

[10] Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses,
whom the Lord knew face to face. [11] He was unequalled for
all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform
in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and
his entire land, [12] and for all the mighty deeds and all the
terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the
sight of all Israel.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming
to you was not in vain, [2] but though we had already suffered
and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we
had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God
in spite of great opposition. [3] For our appeal does not spring
from deceit or impure motives or trickery, [4] but just as we
have been approved by God to be entrusted with the
message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please
mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. [5] As you
know and as God is our witness, we never came with words
of flattery or with a pretext for greed; [6] nor did we seek praise
from mortals, whether from you or from others, [7] though we
might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we
were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her
own children. [8] So deeply do we care for you that we are
determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but
also our own selves, because you have become very dear to
us.

This is the word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn – Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
Interpreted by love!

4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

Gospel Reading – Matthew 22:34-46

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the
Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a
lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36 'Teacher, which
commandment in the law is the greatest?' 37 He said to him,
'"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and
with all your soul, and with all your mind." 38 This is the
greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it:
"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." 40 On these two
commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus
asked them this question: 42 'What do you think of the
Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of
David.' 43 He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the
Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 “The Lord said to my Lord,
‘Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’”?

45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

After the sermon, we share a time of quiet.

The Creed

***All:* We believe in God, the Father almighty,**
creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
***All*: hear our prayer**

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn – Will you come and follow me?

During this hymn, a collection will be taken for the mission and ministry of St James. For digital methods of giving, please see p.2.

1 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you, and you in me?

2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?

3 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound

in you, and you in me?

4 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you, and you in me.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and *singing*:

All: **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 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:
All: **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 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.
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

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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

***All*: 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

If you are joining the service online, you might like to use this prayer:

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

***All Online:* Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,**
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pain and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine, or a blessing

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may; not because you are strong but because you are weak; not because you have arrived but because you are still on a journey; come because you love the Lord a little and want to love him more. Above all, come because he loves you and gave himself for you.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Hymn – Thine be the glory

1 Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.
Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Refrain

Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)

The Blessing

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.
All: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

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