



**Richmond
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Sung Eucharist Bible Sunday I I am

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WELCOME to St John's this morning as we keep Bible Sunday!



Today is Bible Sunday, when we give thanks for the Bible in the life of Christian faith. We commit 'to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest' the Scriptures, we pray for those who don't have access to the Bible in their own language, or for whom owning and reading a Bible is an offence under the laws of the land in which they live.

The Bible. The most read book in the whole of Christian history, deliberately excluded from the bestseller lists because it would skew the results. Actually a collection of 66 different books written over 1500 years, but with an incredible coherence from start to finish. Translated, so far, into 700 languages; 5.6 billion people have access to a Bible in their own language.

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Mass Setting: *Mass of St Thomas*
Thorne

Prelude

The organ is played before the service.

The Gathering

*When the bell rings we stand to sing the **Gathering Hymn.***

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God moves in a mysterious way

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

Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Joe welcomes the congregation.

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

The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Your word convicts us:
all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Your word commands us:
repent, and believe the good news.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your word assures us:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Joe says:

May the God who is both power and love forgive you and
free you from your sin; give you healing and strength,
and raise you to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

The Gloria

Refrain:

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, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory. *Refrain***

**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. *Refrain***

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. *Refrain*

The Collect

Joe introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

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.

Amen.

Prayer with the Children

A prayer may be said by Joe for the children in our church.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the readings and the psalmody.

The First Reading

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah (55.1-11).

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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

The Psalmody

The Choir sings **Psalm 19.7-14** and the congregation are invited to join in singing the **Response**.

Response: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. **R**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. **R**

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. **R**

11 By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is
great reward.

12 Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret
faults! **R**

13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get
dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great
offence. **R**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

The Second Reading

A reading from the second letter to Timothy (3.14-4.5).

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **Gradual Hymn.***

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How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

*Gospel acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

The Gospel Reading

Please remain standing and turn to face the reader.

Joe says:

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (5.36b-47). **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joe Moore, Team Vicar

Please sit for the sermon. After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Creed

Please stand to proclaim our faith in God, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

These responses may be used.

Either: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Or: Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

The Notices

Please sit for the notices.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. Joe introduces the peace with the following sentence:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We stand to sing the **Offertory Hymn.**

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Immortal Love for ever full

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The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Joe says:

Lord Jesus,
you nourish us at the table of your word
and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. For he is your eternal and creative Word, through
whom all things came into being; the Word made flesh who
dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and
rising again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He stands among us in his risen power, opening to us his
living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the
bread. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious
name, for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Please sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, John the Divine, Mary Magdalene, Matthias and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Joe 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.

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.

The Giving of Holy Communion

Behold 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.**

Joe and the people receive Holy Communion. You are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St John's today, but if you would prefer to receive a blessing then please carry this order of service with you.

During the distribution of Holy Communion the choir sing:

*O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.*

Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)

The Prayer after Holy Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion Prayer is said together.

**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. Amen.**

*We stand to sing the **Post Communion Hymn.***

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Forth in the peace of Christ we go

The Blessing

Go now in peace, knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of God;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be upon you now and always.
Amen.

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

Postlude

The organ is played as the procession departs.



Please remain standing until the Altar party reaches the back of church.

**You are warmly invited to stay with us
for refreshments!**

Regular Worship at St John's



You are always welcome!

Sunday

Sung Eucharist

11:00am - 12:15pm

Tuesday

Morning Prayer

8:30am - 8:50am

Silent Contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament

6:30pm - 6:50pm

Said Eucharist

7:00pm - 7:30pm

Open Church

Most Saturdays

10am - 12 Noon