

PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

*Serving St Benedict's, St Mary's & St Oswald's,
Warrington*



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Peace Sunday – 15 January 2022

THINKING OF OTHERS

There's a lot of colds, flu and Covid-19 circulating in the community at present. So:

- 1) Please sanitise your hands when entering church.
- 2) At the Sign of Peace, please understand if others don't wish to shake hands just now.
- 3) If you are unwell, it's probably best to stay at home or at least wear a face covering in church.

Thank you for your kindness.

Introductory Rites

Gathering Song

- 1 **Peace, perfect peace,
is the gift of Christ our Lord,
Peace, perfect peace,
is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord,
will the world know my friends.
Peace, perfect peace,
is the gift of Christ our Lord.**
- 2 **Love, perfect love,
is the gift of Christ our Lord...**
- 3 **Faith, perfect faith,
is the gift of Christ our Lord...**
- 4 **Hope, perfect hope,
is the gift of Christ our Lord...**
- 5 **Joy, perfect joy,
is the gift of Christ our Lord...**

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Greeting & Introduction

Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation,
race from race, class from class:

R. Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations
to possess what is not their own:

R. Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands
and lays waste the earth:

R. Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others:

R. Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee:

R. Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children:

R. Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves
and not in God:

R. Father, forgive.

**Be kind to one another,
tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.**

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Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation
may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 39

**Here I am, here I am, here I am, O Lord,
to do your will.**

- 1 You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.
- 2 In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.
- 3 Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading *(1 Corinthians 1: 1-3)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel *(John 1: 29-34)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Ministry of Altar Server

Our new altar servers will be admitted to the Guild of St Stephen, the patron saint of altar servers.

Bidding Prayers

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace (898)

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Mass of Hope – Bernadette Farrell (559)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
Holy Lord, Holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is he
who comes in the name,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Mystery of Faith

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Communion

Music: Peace Will Come – Tom Paxton

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one heavenly Bread
one in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Concluding Rite

Blessing & Dismissal

Final Song

God is love: his the care (794)

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