

# PARISH OF BLESSED JAMES BELL

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



## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation  
1 September 2024

### Introductory Rites

#### Gathering Song

All creatures of our God and King (694) verses 1-4

#### Litany of Repentance

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches and your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals. Open our eyes to see.

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants, your creatures are slowly dying, and your people are suffering. Open our eyes to see.

Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**

God our Maker, move us by the wonder of creation to repent and care more deeply; move us to grieve the damage to the climate and the loss of life so that we may learn to cherish and protect your world.

Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

*(Adapted from 'Holy Ground' by N Paynter & H Boothroyd)*

#### Gloria

1 **Father, we adore you,  
lay our lives before you.  
How we love you.**

2 **Jesus, we adore you...**

3 **Spirit, we adore you...**

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#### Collect

God of the universe,  
you graciously give us all good gifts.  
Teach us to care for the earth:  
to till the soils responsibly, to keep the air pure,  
to free the waters from pollution,  
to harvest the warmth of the sun,  
to protect the climate

and to respect the rights of all species.  
May we share the gifts of your goodness with all.  
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

*(Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 15

##### **The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

- 1 Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.
- 2 Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

#### Second Reading

*(James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27)*

A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoil religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Gospel** (Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23)  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.  
The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

#### Rite of Welcome

Some of the children who are to be Baptised in the coming weeks are welcomed into the community.

#### Creed & Bidding Prayers

*Please join in singing the refrain:*

**Credo in unum Deum,  
Credo in unum Deum.**

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Preparation of the Gifts

*Song:* All things bright and beautiful (685)

#### Prayer over the Offerings

Creator God,  
may these gifts,  
the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands,

become for us the body and blood of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.  
**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*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

#### Our Father

Notre père... Têve Mûşu... Vater unser... Ojczy nasz...  
Padre nostro... 我們的天父

#### Sign of Peace

Please exchange the Sign of Peace with those around you in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

#### Communion Song

*Song:* O God, you search me (779)

#### Prayer after Communion

All-powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**

### Concluding Rite

#### Blessing & Dismissal

#### Final Song

We plough the fields and scatter (735)

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