



ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PH

19 September 2021 TRINITY 16 Yr B 21/36

Welcomer: Shirley Chinery
 Readers: Eva Kasella and Susan Sorensen
 Interceder: Isabel Nisbet
 Euch Min: Ken Thompson
 Coffee: Lambe's Feast!
 Entry: AM584 All my hope on God
 Gradual: AM15 Glory to thee, my God
 Offertory: AM595 Be thou my vision
 Anthem: Ave Verum Corpus, Byrd
 Final: AM366 Living God
 Mass: Mass for Four Voices, Byrd

Collect: Merciful God, you have compassion on all that you have made and your whole creation is enfolded in your love: help us to stand firm for truth, to struggle against poverty, and to share your love with our neighbour, that with your servant William Lambe we may be instruments of your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



WHY ARE WE CELEBRATING WILLIAM LAMBE TODAY?

To be honest, there isn't a very strong reason but way back in the days when we were still putting our organ plans in front of the Diocese, (which we optimistically thought would be finished in 2020!) we wanted to find a way of linking William Lambe with the Organ Project because so much of it is being paid for out of his legacy to St James'. The slightly tenuous historical hook we devised was the

fact that Lambe was made Master of the Clothworkers 450 years ago, in 1570. And then we had to cope with a delayed Consistory Court process and with the Covid pandemic and any chance of keeping to the original deadline simply went out of the window! So we are splitting the Lambe anniversary into two parts: today is as close to July 25th 2020 as we have been able to manage - and next year we will hold a more formal thanksgiving when we hope to open the organ with a Choral Evensong and an opening recital on Sunday February 27th 2022.

WHO WAS WILLIAM LAMBE? Born in 1485 this quite poor boy from the village of Sutton Valence in Kent somehow managed to work his way up to become a gentleman of King Henry VIII's Chapel Royal. A trader in cloth, Lambe finally gained the status of Freeman of the Clothworkers Company at the grand age of 74. His home was alongside the Chapel of St James' in Monkswell (not far from the current Museum of London) and at the Dissolution of the Monasteries he was able to buy the chapel and its various houses and tenements in 1542 for £632-17-1! Two of his three wives predeceased him (and all his seven children) and in his will be bequeathed his property to the Clothworkers Company, directing in his will that a priest should lead services on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays throughout the year - and preach four sermons to the members of the Clothworkers Company who were 'to attend in their gowns'.

Lambe was a hugely generous benefactor and his will also contained provision for twelve men and twelve women to receive a pair of shoes each year - plus £4. St James' Chapel, renamed Lambe's Chapel (!) was pulled down in 1825 and rebuilt by the Clothworkers in Prebend Street, Islington on land then owned by the Company. William Lambe finally died on 21st April 1580 and his brass memorial (all that remains from the tomb destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666) contains these words: *As I was so be ye, As I am ye shall be: That I gave, that I have, That I spent, that I had: Thus I end all my cost, That I left, that I lost.*

WELCOME It is a special joy to me to welcome Canon Michael Rawson to preach this morning. Michael was parish priest at St Mary's Gomersall in the former Diocese of Wakefield where he carried out a exciting (and exhausting!) reordering. He then went on to be chaplain to the Bishop of Wakefield, Stephen Platten, before serving as canon residentiary at the Cathedral. In 2014 he took up a similar post at Southwark as vice dean alongside Andrew Nunn. We are delighted he can be with us today.

LAMBE'S FEAST which follows today's 10am Mass is a 'Faith Supper' but on a grand scale! As we have no idea just how many people will be coming (despite all the email invitations that Vicky Bellamy has sent out) we just hope that there will be enough to eat! Scott Kinch is providing hot food from the Church Hall kitchen and anything else brought can be placed on the Gopak tables on the south side of Church directly after Mass. There will be drinks available (donations welcome) and the Bouncy Castle will be in place until 2pm. We know that we will have visitors from all over so please do stay if you can. And if you can help with some of the practicalities of serving food to so many people that would be really appreciated!

THIS WEEK

- Sun 19 TRINITY 16/WILLIAM LAMBE 450th ANNIVERSARY 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL with Canon Michael Rawson of Southwark Cathedral and the Corvus Consort. 12noon LAMBE'S FEAST.
- Tues 8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 5.30pm Wedding rehearsal for James and Gemma. 7-9pm Corsican Brass Rehearsal.
- Wed 10am Mass. 7-8.30pm Some Voices rehearsal.
- Thurs 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15-7pm Office session. 7pm Common Fund meeting, St Mary's.
- Sat 12.30 Wedding of James Owen and Gemma Goodyear. 7.30pm Isabelle Demers organ recital, St John's.
- Sun 26 TRINITY 17 8am Mass. 10am Streamed PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 12noon Baptism of Ayla Darko, daughter of Ricky and Georgina (Patrick Coman House, St John's Street)

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

- Sun 19 TRINITY 16 Charlotte, Josh, Olivia and Alfie Kennedy
- Mon 20 DEL Week 25 Kingsley Lewis and Pauline McGovern; Beryl Lloyd
- Tues 21 St Matthew Ap Kurt, Julia and Florence Maile; McBrien families
- Wed 22 Ember Day Shiella Morgan, Jacob and Rio Wilson; Isabel Nisbet
- Thurs 23 Feria Paula, Gianni and Giandre Morrison; Sergio and Cecy Munoz
- Fri 24 Ember Day Jade Nicholson, John, Charlie and Henry Green
- Sat 25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bp Joyce Owusu; Toni Parker
- Sun 26 TRINITY 17 Jess and Tayah Phillips; Nick, Matilda, Barnaby Powell

QR CODE May we remind those of you with mobile phones that you can give to St James' via the large QR sheet on the back noticeboard, or the smaller code printed at the foot of this Weekly News Sheet.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Many Happy Returns today to Vera Taggart who is 85! Ad multos annos.
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** We send our warmest congratulations to Rosemary and Sid Ross who were married 62 years ago, in 1959, and are still going strong!
- SICK** Darren Bavington, Christopher Browne, Jennifer Franich, Peter Freeth, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Ed Pereira, Tayah Phillips, John Roden (now home after an operation last Thursday), John Scott, Charlie Sharpe and Lyn Thompson.
- MEMORIALS** 21st: John Donald (2003); 22nd: Bryn Lane (1995), Ruth Parkes; 23rd: Brian Masters, bishop (1998), Jill Hetherington (2020); 24th: Peter Wilson (2020).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Mth Suzanne Smith, Rector of Grace Church, Alvin, Texas. Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa serving in St Andrew's Church, Matsuyama, Diocese of Kobe.
- PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE** We join the rest of the free world in condemning the additional year of imprisonment imposed on **Nazanin Zaghari Ratcliffe** and to a further ban on leaving Iran. We continue to pray for Richard and for Gabriella and for those in government working for Nazanin's release. We also pray for the civil rights lawyer **Nasrin Sotoudeh** sentenced to 30 years and 148 lashes for her work in defending those being unjustly tried in Iran today. The swearing in of a new hard-line President is not encouraging.



Open 12noon each Monday for hot lunches





PARISH MASS
to celebrate the 450th
anniversary of William Lambe
as Master of the Clothworkers'
Company
September 19th 2021

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1

PARISH MASS FOR THE 450th ANNIVERSARY
OF WILLIAM LAMBE

Gathering

Entry Hymn: **AM584 All my hope on God is founded**

[t Michael]

*All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.*

*God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore, from his store,
new-born worlds rise and adore.*

*Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.*

(Words: Robert Bridges)

The Greeting

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

Words of welcome or introduction may be said

William Lambe Tableau
Written and directed by Thomas Gerbeaux

*Around the altar a group of children are watching footage of the William Lambe statue
displayed on the big screen*

Who's that good man I see here who's staring from the wall?
Thanks to him we have this Church, Will Lambe, he made it all.

Was Master Lambe a builder, some great celebrity?
No, he became a Clothworker whose goal was charity.

Born in just a small town in fourteen ninety-five,
he moved himself to London; his hard work made him thrive.

He had three wives who loved him, and seven children too.
Whenever they would go to Church they filled the longest pew!

This interests me, this Master Lambe; please tell me what he dreamed of?
He wanted most to help the poor, his heart brimmed full of love.

He made a fountain, supplied it with buckets, his Conduit saved many lives,
his hospitals, prisons and other good causes
brought pride to his kids and his wives.

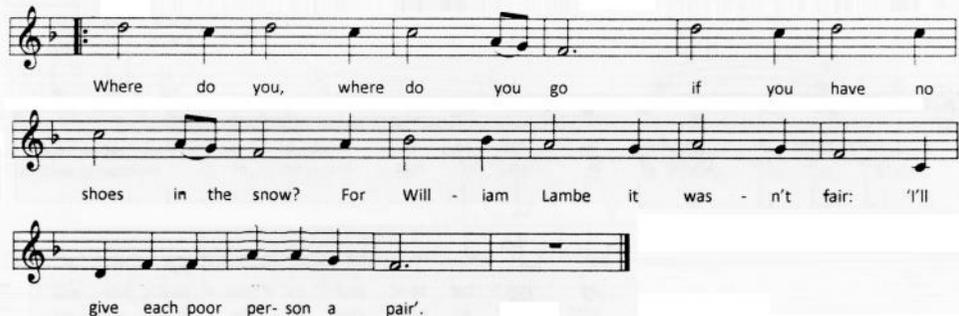
And then, at eighty-five years old Lambe's will contained this news:
that on St James' Day each year the poor should have new shoes!

That is amazing! Did it really happen?
Yes! And we are the shoes!

The Master Lambe song; the Refrain is sung by the whole congregation

*We are the shoes Master Lambe has donated,
instead of the clogs which our little feet hated!
He wanted to save us from frostbite and chilblains
when walking down Prebend and up into Frog Lane.*

Refrain



Where do you, where do you go if you have no
shoes in the snow? For Will - iam Lambe it was - n't fair: 'I'll
give each poor per- son a pair'.

*So it was done in the Church of St James'
that dozens of shoes with all of their laces
were given each year by the Clothworkers' Company
who carefully looked after William Lambe's money. (Refrain)*

*My shoe, your shoe,
my boot, your boot,
my flip, your flop,
my sock, your sock..*

As he was, so be ye, as he was, ye shall be.

All the children leave down the main aisle of the Church and the Mass continues.

Words 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.**

Confession

Ordinary Time

As we come to celebrate the presence of Christ, in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sin.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Kyrie

Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

**Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from all our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life, in Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd

Glória in excélsis Deo
et in terra pax homínibus
bonae voluntátis.
Laudámus te,
benedícimus te,
adorámus te,
glorificámus te,
grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam
glóriam tuam,
Dómine Deus, Rex caeléstis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Dómine Fili unigénite, Iesu Christe,
Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris,
qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis;
qui tollis peccáta mundi,
súscipe deprecatióem nostram.
Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserére
nobis.
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus
Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus,
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spírítu:
in glória Dei Patris. Amen.

**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 sins for 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.**

Collect

**Merciful God, you have compassion on all that you have made and
your whole creation is enfolded in your love: help us to stand firm
for truth, to struggle against poverty, and to share your love with
our neighbour, that with your servant William Lambe we may be
instruments of your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sit

The Word of God

1st Reading: (Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15) Let us now sing the praises of the famous, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning.

There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, those who gave counsel because they were intelligent, who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore and were wise in their words of instruction. Some were rich, endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes - all these were honoured in their generations, and were the pride of their times.

Some of them have left behind a name, godly people whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten; their wealth will remain with their descendants, and their inheritance with their children's children. Their descendants stand by the covenants; their children also, for their sake. Their offspring will continue for ever, and their glory will never be blotted out.

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name lives on generation after generation. The assembly declares their wisdom and the congregation proclaims their praise.

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

We stay sitting for the Gradual: **AM15 Glory to thee, my God** [t Tallis' Canon]

**Glory to thee, my God, this day
in life, in death, thou art the way;
keep me, O keep me, King of Kings
beneath thy own almighty wings.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, angelic host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.** (Words: Thomas Ken. adapted)

2nd Reading: (James 2: 1-7) My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

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

A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:

Al - le - lu - ia! Your words, O Lord, are spi - rit and life.

Al - le - lu - ia! O - pen our hearts to your word.

We say together:

Let your light so shine before the world, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

We sing once more: Alleluia, alleluia...

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

(St Luke 6: 43-49) Jesus said, 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

Why do you call me "Lord, Lord", and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon

Stand

The 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.

Sit

Prayers of Intercession

At the end:

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

Stand

The Peace

Will not he, who made you rich in so many ways, not ask you to be generous so that through your generosity all may give thanks to God?

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: AM595 Be thou my vision

[t Slane]

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both walking and sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in my dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vic'try is won;
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

(Words: Irish, 8th Century, trans. Mary Byrne, versified Eleanor Hull)

Remain standing

At the Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

God of power, your gift of love has transformed the world. Accept all we
offer you this day in thanksgiving for the life of William Lambe and give us
grace to commit our lives to the care of all those need, for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer E

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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to
give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and
eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You gave your Son, the Saviour of all, that he might become the servant of all.
He showed a new justice, in his welcome for the outcast, his compassion for
children and in his outpouring of love on all whom the world ignores or
despises.

Grant that we may cultivate a new spirit of generosity so that his justice may
be shared among all those whom we are called to serve. Now that we have
seen his salvation our hearts are full of joy as with the angels and all the
saints, we sing this unending hymn of praise:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

**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.**

Sit How wonderful the works of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

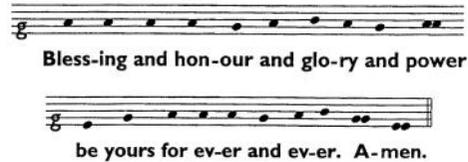
Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all
upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

Invitation

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, the Mother of God, St James, St Peter
and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
by him, with him, and in him,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in 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.**

Fraction

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.**

Agnus Dei

Mass for Four Voices, William Byrd

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

**Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

**Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

Agnus Dei, qui tollis
peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

**Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was
broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your
hearts with thanksgiving; for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin
of the world. Happy 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.**

Sit

After Communion

Anthem: Ave Verum corpus

William Byrd

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria
Virgine; vere passum immolatum
in cruce pro homine; cuius latus
perforatum unda fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis
examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu
Fili Mariae, miserere mei.

**Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary;
who has truly suffered, slaughtered on the
Cross for humanity; whose side was
pierced, pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us during our ordeal of
death. O sweet, O holy, O Jesus Son of
Mary, have mercy on me.**

Communion Antiphon:

The cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ; and the
bread which we break is a communion with the body of the Lord.

Post Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our
neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the
courage to forgive. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

Community Notices

Stand

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you his peace;
and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be with you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

Final Hymn: **AM366 Living God**

[t AM337 Blaenwern]

**Living God, your joyful Spirit
breaks the bounds of time and space,
rests in love upon your people,
drawn together in this place.
Here we join in glad thanksgiving,
here rejoice to pray and praise:
Lord of all our past traditions,
Lord of all our future days.**

**Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.**

**Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
by your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the anxious searching
when our confidence is lost;
see the source of all our yearning
arms outstretched upon the cross.**

**Living God, your power surrounds us,
as we face the way Christ trod,
challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God:
called to share a new creation,
called to live your holy word,
promised all the joys of heaven
through the grace of Christ our Lord.**

(Words: Jan Berry, adapted JB)

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