

*The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Parish of Welwyn,
Welwyn Team, Diocese of St Albans*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2020**

**8am Said Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist
(Common Worship Order 1)**

Welcome back to church – it's great you are here. We think of those still shielding and just to note that we will be livestreaming the service this morning. The camera is at the front of the nave, please don't sit in front of it!

Please remember to maintain social distance with those outside your household, and sanitise your hands on entry. There will be some other differences in the service, which you will see by following this sheet.

If you are new to this church please introduce yourself to one of the clergy. There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.

THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

Unfortunately the big difference is that we have to ask you not to sing! However by the wonders of modern technology we have recorded (in a safe socially distanced manner) our organist and choir singing two hymns this morning, to start and end the service. Please do not stand, but you can follow the words in the hymn book, and hum (but please don't sing along!) the first hymns is:

Christ whose glory fills the skies

(words for those at home to sing, and for reflection and humming for those in church:

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Please stand

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

The minister introduces the confession

**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.**

The priest pronounces God's forgiveness

We remain standing to say:

**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.**

We remain standing for the collect:

Let us pray:

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We sit to listen to this Sunday's bible readings.

A reading from the Prophet Zechariah (9:9-12)



⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (7:15-25)



¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand for a fanfare which announces the gospel:



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:16-19, 25-30)



Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, ¹⁶To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds. ²⁵I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please sit for the **Sermon**:* The Rev'd Dr David Munchin, Team Rector

Please stand to affirm our faith in 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.**

Please sit or kneel for the intercessions

We use the following response

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

*Please stand for The Peace, which the priest introduces with a sentence
from Scripture*

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

*Do feel free to say 'Peace be with you' to your neighbours, but please
refrain from sharing it physically.*

*As the organ plays the altar prepared. We will NOT be passing around a
collection – however there will be a plate left at the end of the service,
and it is possible to give on line or by standing order. PLEASE think
about doing this, as like everybody we are facing financial uncertainty
without our usual sources of income.*

The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things
come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing throughout the prayer, but sit if you need to

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of
death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

**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
**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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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. **Amen.**

Please kneel or sit

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

We say:

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us (x2)
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 he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



Please come forward to receive communion at the Nave Altar. Communion will be given in one kind only (the bread), and received standing. Please form a socially distanced queue, returning to your place via the side aisles. If you have your own hand sanitizer this would be good time to use it (please do not borrow from neighbour).

Baptised Christians are welcome to receive the bread, all others are welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms and bowing your head).

We pray together:

**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.**

We sit as the notices and banns of marriage are announced.

*We sit and listen (and hum along, or sing along at home) to **hymn 376, I heard the voice of Jesus say:***

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
'til trav'ling days are done.

The priest says the blessing ending:

...be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*The ministers and people depart. The organist plays a voluntary -
Concerto in G (1st movement) by Ernst, arr. J S Bach.*

*Please take this booklet with you (this is more directive than usual –
we don't want booklets hanging around that others will have to clear
up).*

NOTICES

The Church Office remains closed to visitors. However it will be manned on Fridays if you want to contact by email or phone. Clergy surgery (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am.

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*Further information: www.welwyn.org.uk; 'The Welwyn Magazine';
Facebook page: St Marys Church Welwyn*

Virtual Holiday Club - Monday 27th – Friday 31st July 10:30 – 11.10

All primary school age children are welcome – Children and adults should contact David Munchin (01438 714150, davidmunchin@outlook.com) if interested.

A School Governors is needed for Welwyn St Mary's to be appointed by the PCC. If you are interested in this enjoyable, rewarding, serious and important role then please contact the Rector – 01438 714150 or davidmunchin@outlook.com

All being well our rota of services throughout the team will be more or less as normal from here on in, with the exception that Sunday evening services and '40 minutes services' will not be taking place in July or August (we will review ready for September). The on line provision of weekday 9pm Compline, Wednesday morning bible study at 10.30, Sunday 9.30 live streaming, and Craftea will continue – again this will be reviewed for September).

We are sad to say that Dominic Holroyd-Thomas is leaving us in the autumn but delighted that he is to remain in the Diocese as Rector of Ampthill with Millbrook and Steppingley. The – tentative – dates for your diary are: Final Sunday in Welwyn and Woolmer Green Sunday 13th September with a party in the evening. Licensing in Ampthill on the evening of Tuesday 6th October. We wish Dominic and Daniel all the best as they prepare to move, with thanks for all they have contributed to the Welwyn Team.

This Week in the Welwyn Team – italics = on line (see website)

Monday	5pm <i>9pm</i>	Evening Prayer at Tewin <i>Compline</i>
Tuesday	8.10 <i>9pm</i>	Morning Prayer at Codicote <i>Compline</i>
Wednesday	9.00 9.30 <i>10.30</i> <i>9pm</i>	Morning Prayer Holy Communion <i>Bible Study</i> <i>Compline</i>
Thursday	5.00 <i>9pm</i>	Evening Prayer at Datchworth <i>Compline</i>
Friday	9.30 <i>9pm</i>	Morning Prayer at Woolmer Green <i>Compline</i>
Saturday	10-11	Clergy Surgery
Sunday 12th July	8am 9.30	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Holy Communion Parish Communion
<i>Isaiah 55:10-13</i>		<i>Romans 8: 1-11</i> <i>Matthew 13: 1-9,18-23</i>