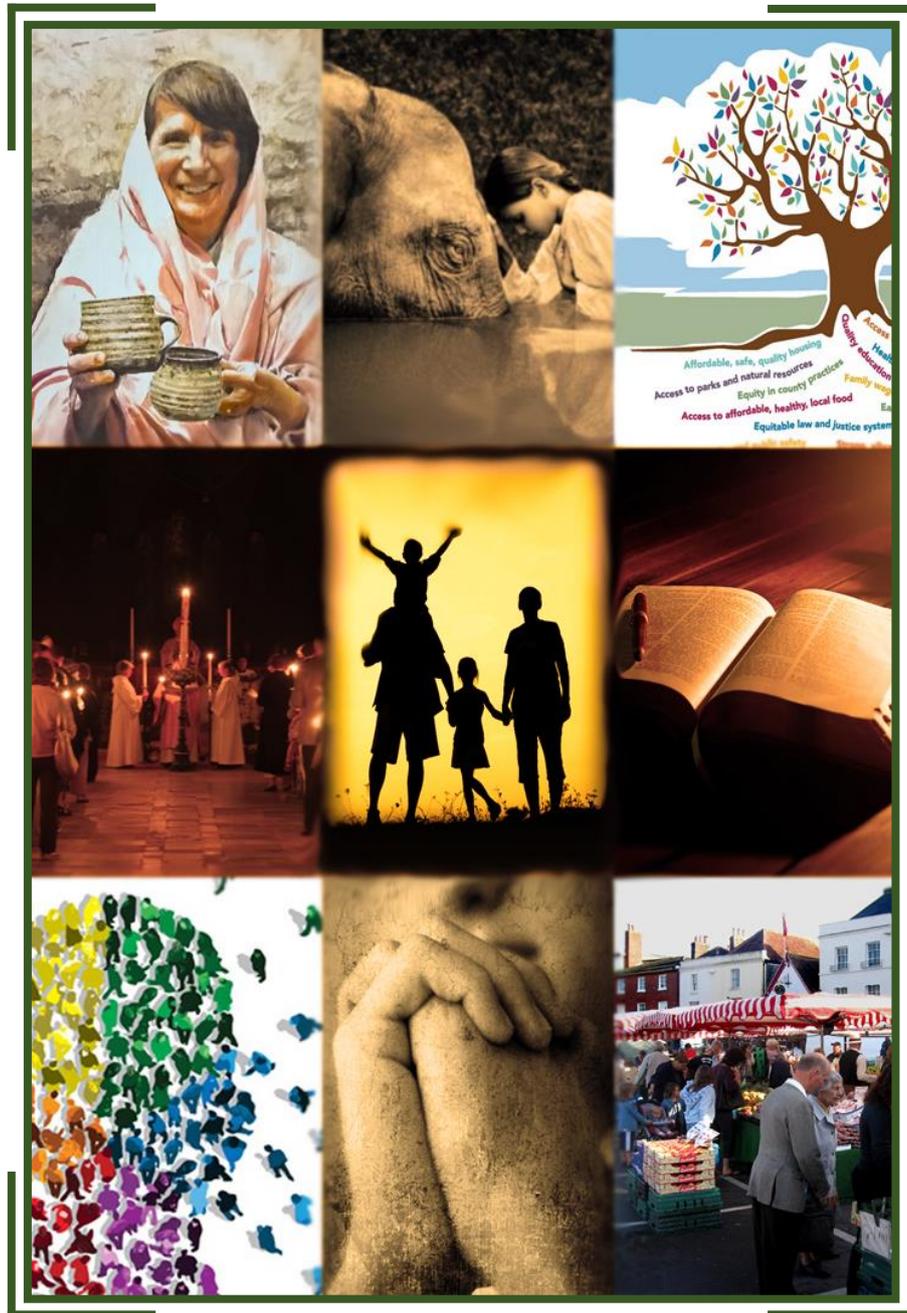


Sunday Eucharist Ordinary Time



Devizes St John & St Mary

Living our Wild and Precious Lives

During Advent 2016 and Lent 2017 we spent time reflecting on Mary Oliver's Poem *A Summer Day* which ends with the line '*Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?*'. From these reflections, we developed a parish Rule of Life. A Rule or Rhythm of Life has long been an aspect of the Christian way of living. Gail Foster (local poet) has written a poem that captures something of our hope to share this vision of our life together.

What Will You Do?

What will you do, the poet said, with this
One wild and precious life you have today?
Within the womb the Baptist leaps for bliss.
Upon the cross He gives his life away.

What will we do indeed, for heaven's sake
We motley crew of children, priests, and fools
We offer fairy cakes and prayers, and break
Communal bread according to the rules

What did he do? He died, and rose again
Was unconventional, and wild, and brave
He gave his precious life that other men
Might rise in easy conscience from the grave

And you, sat there all cosy in your pew
What will you do with what he gave for you?

The Gathering

As we gather in church, we bring before God all that is on our hearts at this time. We come to acknowledge God's loving mercy at work in our daily lives; we seek to be strengthened to love and serve God and our neighbour each and every day.

Words of welcome and notices are given and a moment of silence is kept before we pray the Prayer of Preparation.

The Prayer of Preparation

All 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.

Hymn: We sing the Gathering Hymn, during which the choir and ministers take their places.

The Greeting

We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The presiding minister may say some words of welcome or introduction.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister introduces the prayers of penitence with these or similar words:

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept.

A minister gives an invitation to confession with these or similar words:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,

and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All

**Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and 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.**

(or)

All

**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 presiding minister pronounces absolution with these or similar words:

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

All (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.**

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest...)

**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.**

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest...)

**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.**

(Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest...)

The Collect

The presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer with these or similar words:

As we stand, let us pray with one heart and mind.

The presiding minister says or sings the Collect.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

One or more passages from scripture are read.

At the end of each the reader says

For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hymn: We sing to welcome the Gospel, during which the Gospel Book will be carried into the body of the church where we all turn to face it.

A minister reads the Gospel and says or sings this acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the minister says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Saint...

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

The creed is said while facing the Altar.

**All 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,
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

The Church of Christ

Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority

The local community

Those who suffer

The Communion of Saints

These responses, or other suitable responses, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer. (or) Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace then says:

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

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Hymn: During this offertory hymn the bread, wine, money and tokens of regular planned giving are collected and brought to the altar.

This offertory represents the life we live day by day throughout the week, our daily food and drink and the productivity of our lives at leisure and at work. All of this is God's gracious and generous gift to us. All things come from God and of God's own do we offer.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

A prayer may be said at the preparation of the altar.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The presiding minister leads us in the Eucharistic Prayer opening with these words:

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with thanksgiving for God's works of love for all the world through the words of a suitable preface.

All 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.

The presiding minister recalls the words of Christ at the last supper and one of these acclamations may be used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

The presiding minister continues the Eucharistic Prayer which culminates in the Doxology and one of the following responses:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.	(or)	<i>(The Great Amen)</i> All Amen
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A moment of silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

We remain standing as we pray.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding minister breaks the bread saying these or other words:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**All 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.**

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**(or) Jesus, bearer of our
sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the
world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding minister invites the people to receive communion:

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.

**All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

All who are regular communicant members of their own church are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you do not wish to receive communion you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If so please bring this booklet with you so that those administering communion may know.

The clergy are always happy to discuss confirmation and admission to communion with any who are not yet regular communicant members of the Church.

The Feast

*Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.*

*But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.*

*A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.*

*Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?*

*Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.*

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

*Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels
Forever and ever
Amen*

Prayer after Communion

The presiding minister may say a post communion collect and closing notices may be given.

The Sending Out

We stand as we pray, ready to go out strengthened by the sacrament to live and work to God's glory.

All 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.

The Dismissal

Hymn: During this hymn, the choir are led from the choir stalls and we prepare to leave.

The presiding minister gives God's blessing

All Amen.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.*

*Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.*

J R. Peacey (1896 – 1971)

Through conversation and prayer, we discerned together that as a community living our wild and precious lives meant...



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