

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Sunday 14 February 2021

WELCOME TO THE EUCHARIST
*the central Christian act
of worship*

*Recorded in a time of national and
global emergency precautions
to resist the spread of the
coronavirus pandemic*

*A warm welcome to you all joining us
from home on Facebook.*

*Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

*Today we welcome Sarah Paxton,
our Reader/Lay Minister to preach*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

(NEH 234)

**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.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**



**Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.**

THE GATHERING

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

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

PRAYER 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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence
and faith, firmly resolved to keep
God's commandments and to live in
love and peace with 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.**

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.

Amen.

GLORIA (Said)

**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

THE COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon
the cross;
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him and be changed into his
likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

GRADUAL HYMN

(SP 173)

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;**

**He burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is
moving in this place,**

**He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.**

**No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.**

THE GOSPEL

Reader: Geoff Martin

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

St Mark 9: 2-9

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON - preacher Sarah Paxton

CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: *Marianne Bell*

*After: Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer*

THE PEACE

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

All may exchange a sign of peace

HYMN (SP 108)
...sung by the Contracovids

**Lord, the light of your love is
shining,
in the midst of the darkness
shining :
Jesus, Light of the world,
shine upon us ;
set us free by the truth you now
bring us :
shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's
glory ;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace
and mercy ;
send forth your word, Lord,
and let there be light !**

**Lord, I come to your awesome
presence,
from the shadows into your
radiance ;
by the blood I may enter your
brightness :
search me, try me, consume all
my darkness :
shine on me, shine on me.
*Refrain:***

**As we gaze on your kingly bright-
ness
so our faces display your
likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory :
mirrored here, may our lives tell
your story :
shine on me, shine on me.
*Refrain:***

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.

And now we give you thanks
because you are the source of light
and life; you made us in your image
and called us to new life in him.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he, who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and
obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples,
saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your
kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your
Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high
priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy
gifts in the presence of your divine
majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth
and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we look for the coming of the Kingdom, Lord, teach us to pray:

**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.**

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Communion Anthem:

'How lovely on the mountains' - sung
by the Contracovids

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ;
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought
us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your
love, gave us grace, and opened the
gates of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to
others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light
to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us,
so we and all your children shall be
free, and the whole earth live to
praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN

(NHWS 226)

**Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.**

*O, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty,
bow down and worship,
for this is your God.
This is your God.*

**Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice;
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father forgive'.
*O, what a mystery.....***

**Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible;
love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.
*O, what a mystery.....***

The Lord be with you
And also with you

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Christ the Son of God perfect in you
the image of his glory and gladden
your hearts with the good news of his
kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son † and the
Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ voluntary: Couperin - Elevation
- Tierce en Taille recorded by Graham
Powell on the organ of St Peter's
Limpsfield

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