



**St Peter's
Parish Church**
LIMPSFIELD

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 21 February 2021

*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.

Our hymns today have been recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields, with thanks to the Church of England.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (NEH 67)

**Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.**

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.**

THE GATHERING

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

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSON

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.

CONFESSON

Lord God
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent,
Have mercy on us according to
your love.
Wash away our wrongdoings
and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your
salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

KYRIE... Sung by Abi Coskun

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy

ABSOLUTION

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.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
 in the wilderness, and was tempted as we
 are, yet without sin:
 give us grace to discipline ourselves in
 obedience to your Spirit;
 and, as you know our weakness, so may
 we know your power to save;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

GRADUAL HYMN

(SP 37)

**From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace,
in grace renewed
by your most holy word.**

**Through fasting, prayer,
and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.**

**From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so, tempered by temptation's
might
we might transfigured be.**

**For thirsting hearts let waters flow
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give
our everlasting life.**

**From ashes to the living font
your church must journey still:
through cross and tomb to
Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.**

THE GOSPEL

Reader: David Bell

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Mark

St Mark 1: 9-15

*When it is announced:
Glory to you, O Lord.*

At the end:

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

SERMON

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: John Tolley

*After: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.*

At the end of the prayers

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

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one
body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his
peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

HYMN

(NEH 383)

**Jesu, Lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none,
Hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah, leave me not alone,
Still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
All my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenceless head
With the shadow of thy wing.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of thee,
Spring thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (E)

**The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.**

**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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of
repentance that through a pilgrimage
of prayer and discipline we may grow
in grace
and learn to be your people once
again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of
service you bring us back to your
generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence
in the world and free our hands to
welcome others into the radiant
splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter
feast with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
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.**

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has taught us:

**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

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.**

Communion Anthem:
'From ashes to ashes, from dust to
dust' - sung by the Contracovidids

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living
bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase
our hope, and strengthen our love;
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread, and
enable us to live by every word that
proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES

HYMN

(NEH 393)

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us,
feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness
o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth
before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**The Lord be with you
and also with you**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty.
the Father, the Son † and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and all whom you love this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen

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Dietrich Buxtehude - Praeludium in C BuxWV137 recorded by Graham Powell on the organ of St Peter's Limpsfield

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