



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday 24 January 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

*Today we welcome the Rev Paul
Perkin, Minister in Charge, at St
Andrew's Limpsfield Chart in the
Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team,
to preach*

OPENING HYMN (NEH 148)

**The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting Days,
and God of love:**
To him uplift the voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.



There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world of sin,
the Prince of Peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' cry,
'almighty King,
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost',
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

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

We are invited to confess our sins:

The grace of God has dawned upon
the world through our Saviour Jesus
Christ, who sacrificed himself for us
to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

After a short silence:

**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 God,
whose Son revealed in signs
and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:

renew your people with your
 heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness
 sustain us by your mighty power;
 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 217)

**I come with joy, a child of God,
 forgiven, loved and free,
 the life of Jesus to recall,
 in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near
 to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love
 in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread,
 and bids us share,
 each proud division ends.
 The love that made us,
 makes us one,
 and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,
 unseen, but ever near,
 is in such friendship better known,
 alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound
 by all that God has done,
 we'll go with joy, to give the world
 the love that makes us one.**

THE GOSPEL

Reader: Caroline Campbell

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

St John 2: 1-11

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

THE SERMON - Rev Paul Perkin

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: Nancy Fisher with the
renewal of the Churches Together
in Oxted and District Covenant
(the Covenant words can be found
on the back of the order of service)*

*After: Lord in your abundant love
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

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a promise of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our
hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.

and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace

HYMN (NHWS 12)

**And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his
pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die
for me?**

**He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed
with light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ,
my own.**

The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your Glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**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: 'See ye First' - sung by the Contracovids

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father,
 whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world;
 may your people,
 illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory,
 that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
 for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 248)

O Lord my God!
when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works Thy hand
hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty
thunder,
thy power throughout the
universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God to thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great thou art!
How great thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in
the trees;
when I look down from lofty
mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the
gentle breeze;
Refrain

And when I think
that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take
it in.
that on the cross my burden
gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away
my sin:
Refrain

When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home – what joy shall fill
my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble
adoration
and there proclaim, my God,
how great thou art!
Refrain

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 al-
ways. **Amen.**

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

Organ Voluntary

Giovanni Salvatore – Canzone Francese
recorded by Graham Powell on the
organ of St Peter's Limpsfield

COLLECTION

If you'd like to make a donation towards the life and work of St Peter's today, we ask for all donations to be made in the following ways:

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Alternatively you can also drop a cheque into the Parish Office made payable to St Peter's Limpsfield. Please put this in an envelope clearly marked

'Collection'

Thank you.

CTOD COVENANT

We, the Churches of Oxted and District

recognise that Christ wills the unity of his Church;
acknowledge the sincerity of each tradition of faith;
rejoice in our common Christian faith and heritage;
give thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us into closer friendship and unity of purpose.

So we covenant with each other to

continue our pilgrimage towards a visible unity, praying that God will lead us to the form that it will eventually take;
share our Christian life together as fully as we can,
in love and service to God and to God's world.

To do this we will:

worship, pray and study together so that we may understand, know and value each other;
wherever possible, carry out our mission to our local community and the wider world as Churches Together;
commit ourselves, as individual churches and together, to find ways to promote unity;
every year, review our progress towards these objectives.

We commend each other to the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and pray for God's wisdom and strength to fulfil this Covenant.