



## THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

*Sunday 7 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 436)

**Praise, my soul, the King of  
heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored,  
forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should  
sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and  
spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down  
before him;  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

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 God,  
 you have created the heavens and the  
 earth and made us in your own image;  
 teach us to discern your hand in all your  
 works and your likeness in all your  
 children;  
 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 (NEH 263)

**All creatures of our God and King  
 lift up your voice and with us sing,  
 Alleluia, alleluia.**  
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
 thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
 ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
 O praise him, alleluia.  
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
 ye lights of evening, find a voice;  
*Refrain:*

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
 make music for thy Lord to hear,  
 Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
 that givest us both warmth and light:  
*Refrain:*

Let all things their creator bless,  
 and worship him in humbleness;  
 O praise him, alleluia.  
 Praise, praise the Father, praise  
 the Son,  
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
*Refrain:*

## THE GOSPEL

*Reader: Eleanor Stoneham ?*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
 Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1: 1-14

*At the end:*

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

## THE SERMON

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father  
 almighty, creator of heaven and  
 earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
 Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the  
 Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was  
 buried;  
 he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of  
 the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the  
 living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting.  
 Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: *Arthur Darby*

*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

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 (*NEH 466*)

**Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.**

## 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:  
'Brother Sister, Let Me Serve You' -  
sung by the Contracovids

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our creator,  
by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church;  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
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 73)*

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
knows and names them as they shine!**

**Praise the Lord, his people,  
praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know;  
those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and power laid low.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
peace and plenty crown your days;  
love his laws, declare his judgments,  
walk in all his words and ways;  
he the Lord and we his children:  
praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

#### 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:  
Johann Pachelbell - Toccata in E Minor  
(Graham Powell recorded 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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£20 by texting STPETER (amount) to  
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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.

