



Where all find a welcome and are nurtured in their journey with Christ.

# **The Sunday next before Lent**

Sunday 27 February 2022 at 10.00 am

# The Gathering

*Our worship begins at the sound of the bell, please stand as the sacred ministers enter and the introit hymn is sung.*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tow'r,  
O raise thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Words: Irish (c. 8<sup>th</sup> century)*

*Translated by M. Byrne (1880-1931) and E. Hull (1860-1935)*

*Music: Traditional Irish melody*

*Hymn Tune: SLANE*

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.**

## **Words of Welcome**

# 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.

*Silence is kept.*

**God our Father,  
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,  
you create us from nothing and give us life.  
You give your faithful people new life in the water of  
baptism.  
You do not turn your face from us,  
nor cast us aside.  
We confess that we have sinned  
against you and our neighbour.  
We have wounded your love and marred your image in  
us.  
Restore us for the sake of your Son,  
and bring us to heavenly joy,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**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 for peace**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

**Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom**

those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
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.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit.*

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to

Speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*Exodus 34.29-35*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the gradual hymn is sung. At the end of the hymn we remain standing and turn to face the place where the Gospel is proclaimed.*

**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.**

*Words: C. Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: from Johann Gottlob Werner's 'Choralebuch', Leipzig (1815)*

*Hymn Tune: RATISBON*

## **Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

*Luke 9.28-36*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Please sit after the preacher leads us in prayer.*

## The Apostles Creed

*Please stand with the president.*

**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**

*Following an invitation to pray from the intercessor we kneel or sit to pray.*

*The response to the bidding.*

Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Then at the end.*

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*Please stand with the president.*

### **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.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*A hymn is sung during which a collection, our financial offering in support of the work of the church both at St. Mary's and across our diocese, is taken.*

**Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.**

**Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fulness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

**Heav'n is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**

**With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite, we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:**

**'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fulness stored;  
Unto you be glory given,  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord.'**

*Words: R. Mant (1776-1848)*

*Music: R. Redhead (1820-1901)*

*Hymn Tune: LAUS DEO (REDHEAD)*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer (G)**

*Please kneel or sit.*

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;

we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace  
that in communion with Stephen our Archbishop  
and Nick our Bishop  
we may be faithful to our calling as your people.

Bring us at the last with Blessed Mary and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
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.**

*Silence is kept.*

# **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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung as the bread is broken for distribution.*

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

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

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

## **Invitation to Communion**

He whom the universe could not contain,  
who redeemed us and called us by name  
is present to us in this bread and this cup.

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please follow the guidance offered by the stewards.*

*If you are not baptised, or would prefer to not receive then do still come forward for a blessing bringing this book with you so the president knows your intention.*

*The sacrament is available in both kinds, however if you wish to only receive the bread please do so and then return to your place. Receiving in one kind is still*

*considered to be full communion by the Church of England. Please do not dip bread in the wine (sometimes called 'intincting').*

*To the words "The Body/Blood of Christ" the communicant replies "Amen".*

*For those at home it might be helpful to use this prayer during the distribution.*

*Almighty Father,  
God of grace and goodness,  
awaken us to your glory,  
that our lives may reflect your radiance,  
that we may share in your likeness,  
and in walking the way of Christ our Lord  
may reveal your love to the world;  
through the same Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## **Choir Anthem**

### **'Ave verum corpus'**

*C. Gounod (1818-1893)*

*One or two Communion Hymns may be sung during the distribution as time allows.*

*Please remain seated.*

**Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us share wine together on our knees,  
Let us share wine together on our knees.  
*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

**Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

*Words: unknown*

*Music: unknown arr. C. Hand (1929-2015)*

**Bread of heav'n, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread;  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heav'n, thy blood supplies  
This blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
To thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

Words: J. Conder (1789-1855)

Music: W. D. MacLagan (1826-1910)

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand with the president who introduces a time of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.*

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,  
for he is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*A hymn is sung.*

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven!  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
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 as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
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!  
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 him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.**

*Words: H. F. Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 103*

*Music: J. Goss (1800-1880)*

*Hymn Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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