

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday Before Advent**

**18th November 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 368 ‘All my hope on God is founded’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

All: 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.

Priest: Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

After a period for silent reflection:

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.

Priest: 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.**

**All** 🎜 ***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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.

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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.

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)* **Amen**

**Collect:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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**

**A reading from the book of Daniel** *(Dan 12 .1–3)*

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel. ‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)* 563 ‘Rejoice, the Lord is King’

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews** *(Heb 10. 11–14, (15–18), 19–25)*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God,’ and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 457 ‘Hark, my soul, it is the Lord’

The Gospel

Priest: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**All 🎜 … Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mk 13. 1–8)*

All 🎜 Glory to you. O Lord

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

##### The sermon

*We stand to affirm our faith in the worlds of the Nicene Creed:*

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: 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.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father

The prayers are led by a member of the congregation. Each section ends:

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy

**All Hear our prayer.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4) Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor, Maria Parkinson (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Bill Lowson, Zenia, Karen Wilkinson, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Jacqueline Willington, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley
* **any who have died**: Janice Howard
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Monday:*** Doris Lee, Barbara Fiddler ***Thursday:*** Matt Morrow

*After the final petition:*

Intercessor: Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest:To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  90 ‘Songs of thankfulness and praise’

Eucharistic Prayer E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All 🎜 His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All 🎜 We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 🎜 It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and *singing*:

**All** 🎜 **Holy, holy, holy Lord; Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: 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 if 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All 🎜 Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: 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 Saint Andrew and 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.

All 🎜 Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Priest: Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: 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.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**All** 🎜 **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.** *(twice)*

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

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

299 ‘From glory to glory advancing…’

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things will be added unto you: Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone, but by ev’ry word

that proceeds from the mouth of God; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

**After Communion:**

*After a period for silent prayer:*

Priest: Let us pray:

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Priest:Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn:** 448 ‘God of grace and God of glory’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ

Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 20th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Christmas Choir Practice

Wed 21st 2.45pm Funeral of Janice Howard

7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 22nd 10.30am Eucharist with Year 4 children present

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meet at the vicarage

Fri 23rd: 12 noon Memorial Service for Graham Leah

**Next Sunday The Feast of Christ the King**

**(25th Nov) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Tea and Coffee:** will be served after this morning’s service. Do please join us.

**Thank you:** for supporting the Fair yesterday. A total will be announced.

**St Andrew’s Day:** We will celebrate our Patronal Festival on Sunday 2nd December at 10.00am. We will be joined by children from school, together with their families. Please do make a special effort to join us that Sunday – it would be really good to have everyone in church on this special occasion.

**Advent Windows:** please let Fr Michael know if you can offer a ‘window’ . More info from Fr. Michael

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(All kneel)

Leader: Almight6y God, our heavenly Father, who promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith: help us, your Church, to live for the day and help others to follow our example. May we work with you to build your kingdom a kingdom founded on justice and peace in which people respect and work for each other’s good.

We pray for the leaders of the Church, for Bishop Paul, and for Bishop Bev who was instituted yesterday.

We pray for our brothers and sisters around the world, and today for the church in Bermuda.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Merciful Father, hear our prayers for your Church around the world, that it might be your instrument of justice and love in our war-torn world.

We bring before you the leaders of the nations, that they may exercise their positions of authority wisely and for the good of all your people. We ask your blessings on the negotiations going on at this time between our own government and the European Union.

And so we pray for all the troubled spots in our world – both those known to us today and also those known only to you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for this parish and thank you for our Fair yesterday, for all who supported us and for the conversations we shared.

We pray for our school, its children and staff, and ask your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And so Father, we commend to your love all those who are ill at this time and who have asked our prayers, including Vera Wood, Lynn Burman, Michael Thackeray, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner, Bill Lowson, Karen Wilkinson, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand and Beryl Bentley. May they find wholeness and healing in you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Heavenly Father, whose dominion extends over all life, hear our prayers for the faithful departed who have passed into your glorious kingdom, including Janice Howard who died recently, and Doris Lee, Barbara Fiddler and Matt Morrow whose anniversary falls this week.

May your whole Church, living and departed, come to a joyful resurrection in the city of eternal light.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints in glory.

Merciful Father,

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

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