St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Third Sunday Before Advent**

**Remembrance Sunday**

**8th November 2020**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** **166 ‘Crown him with many crowns’**

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 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.**

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and fore ever. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians** *(1 Thess. 4. 13–18)*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn: 355** **I vow to thee my country**

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 Matthew *(Mt. 25. 1–13)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’

This is the gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

##### The sermon

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 :**  Marion Greatorex, Pauline Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Stringer, Joyce Crozier, Pete Harris, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw,
* **any who have died**: all those who have died in war
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Mal Hogden

***Thursday:*** Dave Crozier senior

*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 by waving or bowing or both*

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 *saying*:

All: 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.

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. **Amen.**

Priest: 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, have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, 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. Go up to the altar steps 3 at a time: to the right, to the middle and to the left. Return by either side and not down the middle.

*During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymn is sung:*

**NHWS 215 Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord**

**After Communion:**

*After a period for silent prayer:*

Priest: Let us pray:

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

##### The Act of Remembrance *(please remain kneeling):*

Prayers will be offered, concluding with the Citation. The response following

‘We will remember them’ is **‘We will remember them’.**

This is followed by ‘Last Post’ and silence. After the silence, *Reveille* is played and a final prayer is offered.

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: 267** **Thou whose almighty word**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ

Services and Notices for the coming week:

**Next Sunday The Second Sunday before Advent**

**(15th Nov) 10.00am**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

This will go ahead and we will be grateful to receive £5 donations towards the first prize. We would also welcome donations towards the food hamper which will make up the second prize.

**TOMBOLA**

This will be placed at the back of church on a future Wednesday and we would encourage you to have a dip. We already have many goods for this.

**NEW VICAR PROGRESS**

The diocese has drawn up a job description and person specification and the post will be advertised in the diocesan vacancy bulletin. Applications will close on November 15th with interviews held towards the end of November or beginning of December. Applicants will have to give 3 months notice to leave their current post which will mean we may get our Priest-in-charge by April.

**The Third Sunday before Advent 8th November 2020**

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

(All kneel)

Leader: Hear our prayers, heavenly Father, for the peace of the world; for statesmen and rulers that they may have wisdom to know, and courage to do, what is right …

for all who work to improve international relationships that they might find the true way to reconcile people of different race, colour and creed …

for men and women the world over that they may have justice and freedom, and live in security and peace.

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 our Church, that they may exercise their positions of authority wisely and for the good of all your people.

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 all who suffer as a result of war:

for the injured and disabled,

for the mentally distressed,

and for those whose faith in you has been weakened or destroyed…

for the homeless and refugees,

for those who are hungry,

and for those who have lost their livelihood or security…

for those who mourn their dead,

for those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents,

and especially for those who have no hope in Christ to sustain them in their grief.

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 : Marion Greatorex, Pauline Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Stringer, Joyce Crozier, Pete Harris, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn 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 Mal Hogden and Dave Crozier senior whose anniversary falls this week.

We remember with thanksgiving all who have laid down their lives in war for the good of others.

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.**

##### The Act of Remembrance *(please remain kneeling):*

Priest: Let us remember all who have died in war:

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day …

fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

*The Citation:*

Reader: They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:

age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

we will remember them:

All: **We will remember them.**

This is followed by ‘***Last Post***’ and silence.

Then ***Reveille***, followed by:

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, infinite in wisdom, love and power; have compassion on those for whom we pray; and help us to use all suffering in the cause of your kingdom; though him who gave himself for us on the cross, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

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