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### Ascension Day

Thursday 30th May 2019

### St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford





**Order of Service**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 167 ‘Hail the day that sees him rise’

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

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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: Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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**

**The Collect:** Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ

to have ascended into the heavens,

so we in heart and mind may also ascend

and with him continually dwell;

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**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** *(Acts 1.1–11)*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This,’ he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:**  401 ‘Come let us join our cheerful songs’

##### the Gospel

Priest: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

All 🎜 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 24. 44–53)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the disciples, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

The Intercession

Priest: Let us pray:

After each petition, the response is:

Intercessor: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father.

All: Lord, send us your Spirit.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4) Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Dennis Bostock (3) Vera Wood, Gemma Rusling, Dorothy Pearson (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy (1) Norma Lee, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley
* ***those who have died:*** Kathy Rowan, Barbara Boscoe, John Rathbone, Brody Buck, Dorothy Corless, Brenda Savage, John Hetherington, Ron Bullock, Mandy Coleman
* ***those whose year’s mind falls at this time:***

***Thursday:*** Alec Smith ***Friday:*** Bill Conroy ***Saturday:*** Isabel Leah

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

PriestJesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.’ Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:**  163 ‘All hail the power of Jesus’ name’

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(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 and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory. Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race. Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be. Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**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: 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.

Priest: 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.

Priest: 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:

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

Priest 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.

Priest: 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*:*

All 🎜 Blessing and honour and glory and power

be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest: Looking for the coming of his kingdom, 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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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

Priest: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

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

490 ‘Jesus shall reign, where’er the sun’

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: 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 gate 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

Priest: Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts and bring you to 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** 398 ‘Christ triumphant, ever reigning’

Priest: Go in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia

All: In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia

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Priest: Let us pray

[All kneel]

Leader: Let us seek the Father’s blessing and the gifts of the Spirit, praying through Christ our Lord:

Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Lord Jesus Christ, great high priest, ever living to intercede for us, hear our prayers for the church, your broken body in the world, for its mission and ministry to all people, and for its proclamation of your Kingdom.

We pray for the churches that make up this deanery, for their parish clergy and lay members, for parishes in interregnum and for our brothers and sisters in other denominations.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of the Majesty on high, hear our prayers for the nations of the world, and subject them to your just and gentle rule. We pray newly elected leaders, that they may exercise their power wisely, and for those places where people are oppressed and persecuted.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, son of man, drawing humanity into the life of God, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in need, distress and sorrow; for those who hunger or thirst or have no home of their own, and those who suffer as a result of natural disaster.

We pray too for those who are ill at this time, including Mark Shepherd, Eileen Whitehead, Dennis Bostock, Gemma Rusling, Dorothy Pearson, Michelle Smith, Callum Foy and Norma Lee.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels those who have died trusting your promises, Kathy Rowan, Barbara Boscoe, John Rathbone, Brody Buck, Dorothy Corless, Brenda Savage, John Hetherington, Ron Bullock, Mandy Coleman who died recently; and Alec Smith, Bill Conroy and Isabel Leah whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascending far above the heavens and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give for work in your service.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, pray to the Father:

**All: Lord, send us your Spirit.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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**[only one reading today]**