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St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**7th May 2017**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 141 ‘Christ the Lord is risen again’

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: Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

(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 (sing): 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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 2. 42–47)*

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*

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| 1. Faithful Shepherd, feed me  in the pastures green;  faithful Shepherd, lead me  where thy steps are seen. | 2. Hold me fast, and guide me  in the narrow way;  so, with thee beside me,  I shall never stray. |
| 3. Daily bring me nearer  to the heav’nly shore;  may my faith grow clearer,  may I love thee more. | 4. Hallow every pleasure,  ev’ry gift and pain;  be thyself my treasure  though none else I gain. |
| 5. Day by day prepare me  as thou seest best,  then let angels bear me  to thy promised rest. | |

**A reading from the first letter of Peter** *(1 Pet 2. 19–25)*

Brothers and sisters: It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ‘He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.’ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:**  140 ‘Christ is alive! Let Christians sing’

Priest I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(Jn 10. 1–10)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**The Sermon**

All stand to say the Nicene Creed:

Priest: We believe in one God, **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

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) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Tony Hepworth (2) Mary Lowe, May Jones, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries, Val Carter, Bill Lowson (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Laura Howard
* ***those who have died***: John Garratt
* ***those whose year’s mind falls at this time:***

***Monday:*** Michelle Powell

***Wednesday:*** Annie Roberts, Peter Dunbobbin ***Thursday:*** Jean Morrison

***Saturday:*** Lee Greatorex, Emily Melia

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: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 exchange a sign of peace.

**Offertory Hymn:**  278 ‘Alleluia, sing to Jesus’

**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E**

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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth

*(sing)* 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 of 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 *(sing)*: 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saintsto 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.

*(sing)* 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: Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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:

221 ‘How bright these glorious spirits shine’

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| 1 | The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  he makes me down to lie -  in pastures green; he leadeth me -  the quiet waters by.  He leadeth me; he leadeth me  the quiet waters by. | | | 2 | My soul he doth restore again,  and me to walk doth make -  within the paths of righteousness,  e'en for his own name's sake.  Within the paths of righteousness,  e'en for his own name's sake. | |
| 3 | Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  for thou art with me, and thy rod -  and staff me comfort still.  For thou art with me, and thy rod -  and staff me comfort still. | | | 4 | My table thou hast furnished  in presence of my foes;  my head thou dost with oil anoint,  and my cup overflows.  My head thou dost with oil anoint,  and my cup overflows. | |
| 5 | Goodness and mercy all my life  shall surely follow me;  and in God's house, for evermore  my dwelling place shall be.  And in God's house, for evermore  my dwelling place shall be. | | |

**After Communion,** and a short period of silence:

Priest: Let us pray:

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: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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** 152 ‘Now is eternal life’

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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Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 10th 7.00pm Choir Practice and Parish Office

Wed 11th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 12th: 10.30am Eucharist

**Next Sunday The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**14th May) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**  and First Communion at St Andrew’s for those who were confirmed on 7th May. Followed by lunch in the Hall. All welcome.

**Confirmation Lunch**: apologies for the short notice. Please do join us for lunch to celebrate with those confirmed and their families. It would make catering easier if you could sign up this morning.

**Car Boot Sale**: thanks for all the help. We raised around £200.00

**Easter 4 7th May 2017**

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*(all kneel)*

Leader: Father, your Son is the Good Shepherd who came into our world to enfold your people in love. We pray for all your faithful people and especially today for those being confirmed at St Margaret’s Church. We pray for Bishop Paul who will confirm them, and for all who serve you in this diocese.

We pray for the diocese of Ndokwa in Nigeria; and for the work of the Church in that country.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for all who hunger or thirst in our world; for those affected by the famine in East Africa; for migrants who have fled the violence of Syria, Yemen, Iraq and other countries. Bless those who work with them and help us to find ways to play our part.

We pray for an end to greed, injustice, corruption and war. Bless those who bring relief and humanitarian aid to the needy in our world.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the life and witness of this parish church and ask you to help us bring others to faith in you. Sustain us with your love and strengthen us in your service.

We pray for our families and friends that they too may see the light of your Son and enjoy the fullness of life he came to bring.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We hold before you all who suffer at this time, and those who care for them.

By name, we remember Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Tony Hepworth, Mary Lowe, May Jones, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Laura Howard and for any we now mention in the silence of our own hearts. *(pause)*

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who have died in the knowledge of the resurrection, and especially for John Garratt who died recently. Unite us with all the faithful in your undying love.

We pray too for Michelle Powell and Lee Greatorex whose anniversary of death falls this week. May they know the joy of the resurrection and the promise of life eternal.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Join our voices, we pray, Lord our God, to the songs of all your saints in proclaiming that you give us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**