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St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**22nd April 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 208 vv 5-9 ‘Christ is made the sure foundation’

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 4.5–12)*

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be 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 John** (*1 John 3.16–24)*

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases God. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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. 11-18)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Linda Morgan (3) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Michael Mullen (2)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley, Doreen Bennett (1) Su Williams, Vera Wood, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor. Ethan Rusting, Maria Parkinson
* ***those who have died***: Wilf Delooze, Frank Bates, Val Carter
* ***those whose year’s mind falls at this time:***

***Wednesday:*** Reg Kenwright, Donna Davies

***Thursday:*** John Davies, Linda Frangleton

***Saturday:*** Mildred Thompson

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: Rejoicing in God’s new creation, 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 | As the deer pants for the water,  So my soul longs after you.  You alone are my heart's desire  And I long to worship you. | 2 | I want you more than gold  or silver,  Only you can satisfy.  You alone are the real joy-giver  And the apple of my eye. |
|  | *You alone are my strength, my shield,*  *To you alone may my spirit yield.*  *You alone are my heart's desire*  *And I long to worship you.* | 3 | You're my Friend  and you are my Brother,  Even though you are a King.  I love you more than any other,  So much more than anything. |

**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 24th 7.00pm Choir Practice and Parish Office

Wed 25th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 26th: 10.30am Eucharist

4.30pm Curriculum and Data Meeting in school

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meet at the vicarage

Sat 28th: 7.00pm Scout Quiz Night

**Next Sunday The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**(29th April) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Tea and Coffee**: available after the service – please join us.

**Car Boot Sale**: Bank Holiday Monday – helpers please from 8.45am

**Scout Quiz Night**: Saturday evening. Anyone interested in forming a team? £3 per person or £10 per team! Usually a good night out. See Fr Michael if interested.

**Concert at St Margaret’s**: also Saturday evening. Starts at 7.30pm for about one hour. Tickets £5 on the door. Church music old and new.

**Easter 4 22nd April 2018**

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**Easter 4 22nd April 2018**

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

*(all kneel)*

Leader: Loving shepherd, “where thou leadest I would go”; help us, your Church, to walk your paths and to put our faith into service. We pray for all your faithful people and especially today for our brothers and sisters in the churches of Orford. We pray for Paul our bishop, and for all who serve you in this diocese. We give you thanks for Bishop Richard’s ministry in this diocese as he begins his retirement.

We pray for the Christian Church in Japan; and for their mission and ministry there.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: “Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lambs in safety, keep”, 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 Lynn Burman, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Bill Lowson, Michael Mullen, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley, Doreen Bennett, Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor. Ethan Rusting, Maria Parkinson … 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 Wilf Delooze, Val Carter and Frank Bates who have died recently. Unite us with all the faithful in your undying love.

We pray too for Reg Kenwright, Donna Davies and Mildred Thompson 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**