

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**18th May 2014**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 395 ‘Christ is our cornerstone’

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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 *7. 55–60)*

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  145 ‘Good Christians all, rejoice and sing’

**A reading from the first letter of Peter** *(1 Pet 2. 2–10)*

Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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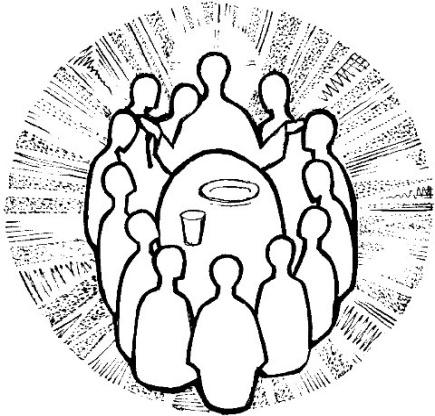
**Gradual Hymn:**  213 ‘Christ is the world’s light, he and none other’

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 14. 1–14)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

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) Doris Jepson, Mark Shepherd, Rob Mudd, Marion Yates, Marion Greatorex, Jacqueline Willington, Eric Tickle, Joyce Crozier, Finley McKean-Owens (3) Robert Murphy, Jim Peers, Emma Bowie, Naomi Hadcroft (2) Lynn Burman, Graham Belton, Michael Stringer, Paul Hogden, Beryl Stokes, Val Carter, Vera Donoghue. Lilian Delooze, Margaret Dunbobbin (1) Mary Lowe, Norma Fox, Elsie Gough, Stan and Joan Loughead, Joan Roberts
* ***those who have died:*** Millie Thompson*,* Marjorie Conroy, Dot Wood-Dutton
* ***those whose year’s mind falls at this time:***

***Sunday:*** Jean Bell, Ernie Beardsall, Neil Boscoe ***Tuesday:*** Cliff Hall

***Wednesday:*** Bill Ellison, Harry Rowan ***Saturday:*** Mary Rowles

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:**  585 ‘The Church’s one foundation’

**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:

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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. |

Hosanna in the highest to our exalted Saviour,

Who left behind for all mankind these tokens of his favour:

His bleeding love and mercy, His all-redeeming Passion;

Who here displays, and gives the grace, which brings us our salvation.

Louder than gathered waters, or bursting peals of thunder,

We lift our voice and speak our joys, and shout our loving wonder.

Shout, all our elder brethren, while we record the story

Of him that came and suffered shame to carry us to glory.

Angels in fixed amazement around our altars hover,

With eager gaze adore the grace of our eternal Lover:

Himself and all his fullness who gives to the believer;

And by this Bread whoe’er are fed shall live with God for ever.

**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** 140 ‘Christ is alive’

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:

**Today 4.00pm Confirmation within the Eucharist**

Mon 19th 1.00pm Requiem Funeral for Millie Thompson

Tues 20th 7.00pm Choir Practice and Parish Office

Wed 21st: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 22nd: Election Day – Polling Station in Hall all day

10.30am Eucharist

**Next Sunday The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

**After the service**: tea and coffee is served. Everyone welcome.

**Christian Aid Week envelopes**: please put envelopes on the offertory plate this morning. If you’ve not brought them today, please bring them next week if possible. Thank you..

**Confirmation**: please come to the confirmation to support our candidates. Help with serving refreshments would be greatly appreciated. Please see Jenny.

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

*(all kneel)*

Leader: Father, your Son taught us to trust in him: hear our prayers for all who put their faith in you, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we may grow in faith and love. We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, often at great personal cost. We pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, and for the work of the Church there.

Today, we pray for those who will be confirmed in this church, for the candidates from St Barnabas, St James and this church, and for those who will support them in this important step in their journey in faith. We pray too for Bishop John who will confirm them.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: At the conclusion of Christian Aid Week, we pray for the poor and needy in our world and for all who work with them to relieve their plight. Help us never to forget those in our world who suffer hunger, thirst, injustice and the effect of other’s selfishness.

We pray for an end to war and pray for the leaders and people of Sudan, Ukraine, Syria and the Middle East.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our parish school, its staff and children and for all who serve you there. Bless the organisations that meet in our name.

We pray for those who are standing as candidates in the forthcoming European and local elections, and for the electorate. Help us, and them, to work for your kingdom here on earth.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

By name, we remember Doris Jepson, Mark Shepherd, Rob Mudd, Marion Yates, Marion Greatorex, Jacqueline Willington, Eric Tickle, Joyce Crozier, Finley McKean-Owens, Robert Murphy, Jim Peers, Emma Bowie, Naomi Hadcroft, Lynn Burman, Graham Belton, Michael Stringer, Paul Hogden, Beryl Stokes, Val Carter, Vera Donoghue. Lilian Delooze, Margaret Dunbobbin, Mary Lowe, Norma Fox, Elsie Gough, Stan and Joan Loughead, Joan Roberts and for any we now mention in the silence of our own hearts. *(pause)*

Enfold them in your loving arms and surround them with your peace.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We hold before you all who have died in the knowledge of the resurrection, and especially for Millie Thompson, Marjorie Conroy, Dot Wood-Dutton who have died recently. Unite us with them in your undying love.

We pray too for Doris Jean Bell, Ernie Beardsall, Neil Boscoe, Cliff Hall, Bill Ellison, Harry Rowan and Mary Rowles 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**