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St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**19th May 2019**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 137 ‘Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise’

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 🎜 *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:** 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 11. 1–18)*

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  153 ‘Now the green blade riseth’

**A reading from the book of Revelation** *(Rev 21. 1–6)*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift

from the spring of the water of life.’

This is the word of the Lord.

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**Gradual Hymn:**  284 ‘Bread of heaven, on thee we feed’

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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(Jn 13 .31–35)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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

***Tuesday:*** Bill Ellison, Harry Rowan, Harry Robinson ***Thursday:*** Ida Stringer

***Friday:*** Mary Rowles ***Saturday:*** Florrie Preece, Lilian Delooze

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:**  538 ‘O Jesus I have promised’

**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; 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: 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 🎜 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, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.** *(twice)*

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

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**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** 442 ‘God is love! Let heaven adore him’

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:

Mon 20th 7.30pm Visitation Service at St Elphin’s – cars leave at 7.00pm

Tues 21st 5.30pm Governors Meeting with Diocesan Academy Trust

7.00pm Parish Office (No choir practice this evening)

Wed 22nd: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 23rd: European Elections – don’t forget to vote

10.30am Eucharist

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**(26th May) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

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

**Christian Aid Week envelopes**: please return your envelope this morning. Big Brekkie raised £50.00.

**Visitation Service**: tomorrow evening for church wardens, sides people and members of the PCC – others welcome too!

**Car Boot Sale**: on 27th (Bank Holiday Monday) – please take and display a poster(s). Helpers much appreciated as usual – from 8.40am.

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**Easter 5 19th May 2019**

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**Easter 5 19th May 2019**

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

*(all kneel)*

Leader: Father, whose glory was revealed in the death and resurrection of your Son: help us to reflect your glory to the world around us. Draw us all into your kingdom. May your Church grow in faith and in number, day by day.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith, often at great personal cost. At this time, we hold before you the Church in Sri Lanka. Give them courage and resilience in the face of danger.

With Anglicans around the world, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, and for Paul our bishop.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We bring to you, heavenly Father, all in our world who live troubled lives; and we pray especially for those who face hunger or thirst; for those who live as refugees and migrants, and those who live in fear. Bring justice and peace to our world. We pray for the work of Christian Aid at this time, and for their partners on the ground.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for those who were confirmed recently, that the seed of faith may flourish in them. We pray for those preparing for ordination.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours in Christ.

Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

By name, we remember Norma Lee, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley, Kathy Rowan, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Dennis Bostock, Vera Wood, Gemma Rusling, Dorothy Pearson, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy … 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 Carol Byrne, Karen Martin, John Rathbone, Brody Buck and Dorothy Corless who have died recently. Unite us with them in your undying love.

We pray too for Bill Ellison, Harry Rowan, Harry Robinson, Ida Stringer, Mary Rowles, Florrie Preece and Lilian Delooze 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**