

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**19th January 2020**

We welcome Canon Michael Finlay as our celebrant and preacher this morning

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 166 ‘Crown him with many crowns’

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

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

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: The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

After a moment for silent reflection:

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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 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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 book of the prophet Isaiah** *(Is 49. 1–7)*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ But I said, ‘I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.’ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength. The Lord says, ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, ‘Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:**  *(remain seated)*  401 ‘Come, let us join our cheerful songs’

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians** *(1 Cor 1. 1–9)*

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** 604 ‘Through all the changing scenes of life’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest Christ was revealed in flesh,

proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

**All 🎜 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *(Jn 1. 29–42)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

**The Sermon**

*We stand to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed*

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: 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 Intercessions

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:*

Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill** **:** (4) Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw (3) Vera Wood, Ann Carmen (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington (1) John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris
* **those who have died:** Alan Ashbrook, Maria Zahorcova, Jonathon Yates
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Nellie Shaw ***Tuesday:*** William Forster

***Thursday:*** Ellen Cook ***Friday:*** Stan Hayes

***Saturday:*** Raymond Greatorex

After the final petition:

Reader: 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 Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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:** 90 ‘Songs of thankfulness and praise’

Eucharistic Prayer E *(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:All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

All 🎜 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth 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 🎜 Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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 all the saints to 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: Believing in the promises of God, 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.

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

Priest: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

**Hymns during Communion:**

308 ‘Just as I am’

When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*

*Were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there, were you there?

Wherever you travel, I'll be there I'll be there,

Wherever you travel, I'll be there I'll be there,

*And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,*

*I'll be there!*

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Priest: Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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:** 627 ‘Ye servants of God’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

Tue 21st: 7.00pm Choir Practice (no parish office tonight)

Wed 22nd: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thu 23rd: No Eucharist today

**Next Sunday The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

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

**Tea and Coffee:** are served after this morning’s service. Do join us.

**Notices: for the Sunday sheet:** please let Peter Thirsk know in good time

**Midweek Eucharists:** the pattern might change at short notice. If you plan to attend this week on Wednesday, please let Faith Greatorex know in advance.

**Letter from Fr Michael and Jenny:** please make sure you have a copy before you leave this morning.

**Epiphany 2 19th January 2020**

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

(All kneel)

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith:

Lord God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations. We pray for the people of Iran, for refugees around the world, and for those caught up in the wildfires in Australia.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the good estate of the universal Church; guide and govern us by your Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.

We pray for the world-wide Church and especially the Church in Bangladesh, Reveal your glory to the nations through your Church.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the spread of the gospel and especially for those in our care; for the members of this congregation and the staff and children of our parish school.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or spirit; comfort and relieve them in their need, give them patience in their sufferings, and bring good out of all their afflictions.

We bring before you those who have asked our prayers at this time, including Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw, Vera Wood, Ann Carmen, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris and any whom we now bring to mind. Give them, and those who care for them, courage and strength at this time.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember those who have gone before us in the peace of Christ. We pray for Alan Ashbrook, Maria Zahorcova and Jonathon Yates who have died recently

We remember with thanksgiving all whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including Nellie Shaw, William Forster, Ellen Cook, Stan Hayes and Raymond Greatorex. According to your promises, grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew and all the saints in glory.

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