

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**17th January 2021**

**Please wear a mask. Separate households must sit apart. Only the choir can sing. Keep social distances. Keep safe. At the end of the service please leave the building. There should be no socialising according to current rules.**

*All the responses will be said.*

*We welcome Fr Simon Fisher as our celebrant and preacher today*

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn**: **166 ‘Crown him with many crowns’ vv 1,2, 5**

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 first book of Samuel** *(1 Sam 3. 1–10, (11–20))*

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:**  **401 ‘Come let us join our cheerful song’**

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest Christ was revealed in flesh,

proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 1. 43-51)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

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** **:** Marion Greatorex, Pauline Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Stringer, Joyce Crozier, Pete Harris, Lynn Shaw, Bob Birbeck, Carl Howard, Irene Appleton
* **those who have died:** **:** Dave Sutcliffe, Eileen Whitehead
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Elizabeth Clayton, Jim Fisher

***Monday:*** Tom Roberts

***Tuesday:*** Nellie Shaw

***Thursday:*** William Forster

***Saturday:*** Elizabeth Cook

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 share the peace with one another by waving or bowing or both*

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 say 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 the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.

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: 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. Go up to the altar steps. Return by either side and not down the middle .Keep your mask on and remove to eat on the way back.

*During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following is sung:*

**NHWS 285 ‘When I needed a neighbour’**

**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 weeks:**

In view of the worsening pandemic situation and the continuing message

to stay at home it has been decided to close the church until at least March.

To find out the date of re-opening consult A Church Near You website:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15284/>

Alternatively telephone Faith Greatorex on 07596 722139

or Peter Thirsk on 07903 925949

Our new Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Gill Hitchen will be inducted on March

21st at 3.00pm

**Epiphany 2 17th January 2021**

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 all those whose lives have been affected by the current pandemic: those who have lost jobs, those on furlough and those who are affected by long periods of isolation and the inability to make contact with other people.

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 Anglican Church of Australia. 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. We think especially of those missing members of our congregation who are not prepared to take the risk of mixing with others at this time.

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 pray especially for those in hospital and for all medical staff who are having to deal with a scenario never seen before.

We bring before you those who have asked our prayers at this time, includingMarion Greatorex, Pauline Smith, Michelle Smith, Michael Stringer, Joyce Crozier, Pete Harris, Lynn Shaw, Bob Birbeck, Carl Howard, Irene Appleton and any more who 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 any who have died recently, along with those who have been bereaved including the families of Dave Sutcliffe and Eileen Whitehead.

We remember with thanksgiving all whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including Elizabeth Clayton, Jim Fisher, Tom Roberts, Nellie Shaw, William Forster and Elizabeth Cook. 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.

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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