

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**21st January 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 170 ‘Jesus is Lord! Creation’s voice proclaims it’

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**

***(sing)* 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 revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 Genesis** *(Gen 14. 17–20)*

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| O God, you search me and you know me.  All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  When I walk or lie down you are before me:  ever the maker and keeper of my days. | 2 You know my resting and my rising.  You discern my purpose from afar,  and with love everlasting you besiege me:  in ev’ry moment of life or death, you are. |
| 3 Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  you have known its meaning through  and through.  You are with me beyond my understanding:  God of my present, my past, and future, too | 4 Although your Spirit is upon me,  still I search for shelter from your light.  There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  even the darkness is radiant in your sight. |
| 5 For you created me and shaped me  gave me life within my mother’s womb.  For the wonder of who I am I praise you:  Safe in your hands, all creation is made new. | |

**A reading from the book of Revelation** *(Rev 19. 6–10)*

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure’ – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. And the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’ And he said to me, ‘These are true words of God.’ Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.’

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**Gradual hymn:** 581 ‘Take my life and let it be’

##### 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.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 2. 1-11)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling
* **those who have died:**
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** William Forster ***Tuesday:*** Ellen Cook

***Wednesday:*** Stan Hayes ***Thursday:*** Raymond Greatorex

***Saturday:*** Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin

After the final petition:

Reader: Merciful Father,

**All: 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

*(sing)* are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, highest. Hosanna in the highest, the highest, the highest, 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.

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: 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: 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:**

295 vv 1 and 2 ‘Deck thyself my soul with gladness’

432 ‘From heav’n you came, helpless babe’

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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:** 418 ‘Father, Lord of all creation’

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 23rd: 3.15pm Staff and Governors’ Meeting re new RE syllabus

7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

Wed 24th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thu 25th: 10.30am Eucharist (Conversion of St Paul)

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club in the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Feast of the Presentation (Candlemass)**

**(28th Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist and candle procession**

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

**Epiphany 3 21st January 2018**

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:

We thank you, Father, for calling us to be part of your body here on earth, and for giving us gifts to use in the service of others. Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us and make us faithful and willing disciples.

We pray for the unity of your Church; for the members of the Anglican Communion around the world and especially today for the Church of Bangladesh. Help them to care for the poor and those who have become refugees.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for nations of the world, asking that we may work together for the greater good of all who inhabit the earth. We ask your blessing on the leaders of the nations and especially our partners in mainland Europe. We pray for those still fleeing Syria, and those who live under siege in their own towns.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are 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 hold before you those who have asked our prayers, including Su Williams, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman, Peter O’Connor, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Barbara Cook, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead - and any 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, and we give you praise for all your faithful ones, with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints.

We thank you for all whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including William Forster, Ellen Cook, Stan Hayes, Raymond Greatorex, Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin; and for all who, by their lives and example, have brought us to faith in you. According to your promises, grant us, with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the quietness of our hearts, we bring to you, heavenly Father, our own prayers and petitions at this time:

*(after a pause)*

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