

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

**26th January 2020**

We welcome The Rev. Pam Lovatt as our celebrant and preacher this morning

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 591 ‘The kingdom of God is justice and joy’

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, 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 the prophet Isaiah** *(Is 9. 1–4)*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:**  *(remain seated)*  86 ‘From the eastern mountains’

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**  *(1 Cor. 1. 10–18)*

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloé’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, ‘I belong to Paul,’ or ‘I belong to Apollos,’ or ‘I belong to Cephas,’ or ‘I belong to Christ.’ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** 622 ‘Will you come and follow me’

##### 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 Matthew (Mt. 4. 12–23)

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

***Monday:*** Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin

***Tuesday:*** Andrew Maudsley, Will Pugh, Eric Sanson

***Wednesday:*** Alan Blackmore ***Friday:*** Robert Carey

***Saturday:*** Constance Lynskey

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:** 318 ‘O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray’

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:**

299 ‘From glory to glory advancing, we pray thee, O Lord’

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.

*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.*

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'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.

**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:** 357 ‘Lord of lords, and king eternal’

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 28th: 7.00pm Parish Office (no choir practice tonight)

Wed 29th:No Eucharist today

Thu 30th: 10.30am Eucharist with Year 6

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

**(2nd Feb) 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

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**Epiphany 3 26th 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:

Shine with divine love on those who walk in darkness. We pray for the people of Iran. Let the nations hear the gentle voice of your call and respond with joy, that there may be peace in place of strife. We also remember refugees around the world, and those caught up in the wildfires and storms in Australia

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Illumine the Church with the light of your truth. As the disciples were called to be fishers of people for the Kingdom, make us obedient to the call to be ministers of the gospel in our homes, our work and this community.

We pray for the world-wide Church and especially the Anglican Episcopal Church in Brazil. 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 good news 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: As our Lord Jesus in his earthly ministry healed all kinds of sickness and disease, may his healing power come now to the sick and injured.

We bring before you Vera Wood, Ann Carmen, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw and any whom we now bring to mind. Strengthen and enable all who work to heal the sick and those who provide spiritual care.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember before you those who were your disciples in this world and now rejoice in the great light of heaven. We pray for Maria Zahorcova.

We remember with thanksgiving all whose anniversaries of death fall this week, including Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin, Andrew Maudsley, Will Pugh, Eric Sanson, Alan Blackmore, Robert Carey and Constance Lynskey. 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 that we are led in the way of obedience and love, we pray to the Lord of light and truth:

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