

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

**27th January 2019**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 165 ‘Christ is the King! O friends rejoice’

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:** God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 Nehemiah** *(Neh 8. 1–3, 5–6, 8–10)*

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This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:**  *(remain seated)*  371 ‘All praise to our redeeming Lord’

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians** *(1 Cor 12. 12–31a)*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** 534 ‘O for a thousand tongues to sing’

##### THE GOSPEL

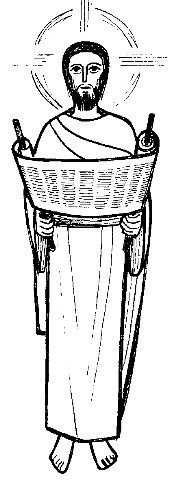
Priest Christ was revealed in flesh,

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 Luke *(Lk 4. 14–21)*

**All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley (3) Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor, Maria Parkinson (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner (1) Mary Lowe, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Tom and May Livesey
* **those who have died:** Stephen Rawling
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin

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

***Tuesday:*** Alan Blackmore, Annie Frangleton

***Thursday:*** Robert Carey

***Friday:*** Connie 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:** 584 ‘Thanks to God whose word was spoken’

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 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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us, light in the midst of us,**

**bring us to light and life.**

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: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people:

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

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:**

305 ‘I come with joy, a child of God’

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:** 455 ‘Guide me, O thou great Redeemer’

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 29th 7.00pm Parish Office [No Choir Practice tonight]

Wed 30th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thu 31st: 10.30am Eucharist

**Next Sunday The Presentation in the Temple (Candlemass)**

**(3rd Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

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

**Come Dine with Me:** please let us have names of people to invite to this event. If you’re not sure what this is, please ask for a letter. We need to start sending out invitations very soon.

**Epiphany 4 27th January 2019**

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 leaders of the various denominations in this week of prayer for Christian Unity, and for the members of the Anglican Communion around the world. We pray especially today for the Episcopal Church in Brazil.

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. Bring peace where there is unrest and justice where there is violence. We pray for Venezuela and Syria, and for those suffering the humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear our prayers, heavenly Father, for this church. Help us to be a place of faith, hope and love, and may we shine as lights in this community.

We pray for our brothers and sisters at St Benedict’s, St Stephen’s, St Ann’s and St Margaret’s.

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 Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley, Michael Thackeray, Callum Foy, Gladys Gardner, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Tom and May Livesey - 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, including Stephen Rawling, 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, remembering Robert Forster, Thomas Giblin, Andrew Maudsley, Will Pugh and Eric Sanson; 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 own hearts, we bring to you, heavenly Father, our own prayers and petitions at this time:

*(after a pause)*

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,**

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