

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Sunday next before Lent**

**11th February 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 377 ‘Angel voices, ever singing’

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: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

(After a period of 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.

*(sing)* LordGod, 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.

**Collect:** Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 second book of Kings (2 Kings 2.1–12)**

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This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  213 ‘Christ is the world’s light’

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians** *(2 Cor 4.3–6)*

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 392 ‘Bright the vision that delighted’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mk 9. 2-9)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

##### The Sermon

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 Intercession

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

*Each section ends:* Lord, in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling (3) Su Williams, Vera Wood, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Doreen Ross (1) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Lindsey Hall, Michael Mullen
* **those who have died:** Chris Peters
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Sunday:*** Eric Foulkes, Betty Moody, Andy Bennett

***Monday:*** Edna Edmonds

***Wednesday:*** Marie Baker, Ann Downey, John Cryle, Caroline Denham

***Thursday:*** Robert Thirsk ***Friday:*** Mary Scargill, Jean Ratcliffe

***Saturday:*** Ett Worrall, John Buckley

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 We are the Body of Christ.

All: In the one Spirit, we were all baptized into the one Body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace, and builds up our common life.

Priest: 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:** 314 ‘Now from the heavens ascending’

**Eucharistic Prayer A** *(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: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because the divine glory of the incarnate Word shone forth upon the holy mountain before the chosen witnesses of his majesty; and your own voice from heaven proclaimed your beloved Son.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and *saying:*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are

*(sing)* 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: Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise*:*

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.

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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.

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the following hymns are sung:

313 ‘My God and is thy table spread’

513 ‘Lord, the light of your love is shining’

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through 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 The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon 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 13th: 7.00pm Parish Office and choir practice

Wed 14th: **Ash Wednesday**

10.00am Eucharist and Ashing – Church and School combined

7.00pm Solemn Sung Eucharist and Ashing.

Thu 15th: 10.30am Eucharist

Fri 16th: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Next Sunday The First Sunday of Lent**

**(18th Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

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

**Ash Wednesday:** there are two services, both with optional ashing. Every member should attend one if at all possible. Start Lent well!

**Lent Boxes:** are available from the back of church.

**Stations of the Cross:** begins on Friday.

**Live Lent:** a book of daily thoughts for Lent, mentioned in the magazine, available this morning.

**Electoral Roll:** please check your entry on the Roll – a copy is on the noticeboard. New applicants please see Kathy Rowan.

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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, who promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith:

Your Son was revealed to us on the mountain top: help us, who have seen his glory, to shine as beacons of hope and good news in the world today.

We pray for the world-wide Church, and today for the Anglican Church in Canada and for its ministry and mission to the people there, for their work with indigenous people and for wisdom and sensitivity in the decisions they take.

We ask your continued blessing on all who serve with missionary societies, for those we support as a parish and especially any known to us personally. Uphold the work of USPG, and the developing Church around the world

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, transfigure the hearts and minds of people everywhere, that their lives may be fashioned on your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. May the Spirit of peace dwell with leaders everywhere and may they actively seek your peace.

We pray for the Syria and Iraq, for the refugees from Myanmar; and for all who govern and have to make difficult decisions. May they do so justly and serve the good of all people. Give wisdom to statesmen and women, and bring calm to troubled regions.

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Leader: We thank you that your will is for wholeness and healing for all your people. We pray at this time for Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Su Williams, Vera Wood, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Doreen Ross, Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Michael Mullen and Lindsey Hall

Bless those who care for them, both physically and spiritually.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Father, your Son revealed your glory to the disciples and then to us who put our faith in you. Hear our prayers for the faithful departed – for Chris Peters – who died recently and now witnesses your glory at first hand. We pray too for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering among them Eric Foulkes, Betty Moody, Andy Bennett, Edna Edmonds, Marie Baker, Caroline Denham, Robert Thirsk and Ett Worrall.

May your whole Church, living and departed, come to a joyful resurrection in the city of light.

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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