

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)**

**3rd March 2019**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 202 ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty’

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: Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God’s family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

(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. 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.**

**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 book of Exodus** *(Ex 34. 29–35)*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  392 ‘Bright the vision that delighted’

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians** *(2 Cor 3. 12 – 4 .2)*

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 248 ‘’Tis good Lord to be here’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

All 🎜 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke *(Lk 9. 28–36, (37–43))*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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)Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead (3) Vera Wood, Gemma Rusling, Alex Halfpenny (2) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy (1) Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley

* **those who have died:** Patrick Donnelly
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Monday:*** Wilson Brown ***Tuesday:*** Rebecca Hands, Andy McMurray

***Thursday:*** Joseph Cox ***Friday:*** Joseph Thomas

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 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 descending’

**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 full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in 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.

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.

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

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry;*

*eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Christ is the bread of life,

the true bread sent from the Father. *Eat this bread…*

Our ancestors ate manna in the desert,

but this is the bread come down from heaven. *Eat this bread…*

Eat his flesh and drink his blood,

and Christ will raise you up on the last day. *Eat this bread…*

Anyone who eats this bread,

will live for ever! *Eat this bread…*

If we believe and eat this bread,

we will have eternal life. *Eat this bread…*

We are marching in the light of God,

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We are marching, o-oh,

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**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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:** 628 ‘Ye that know the Lord is gracious’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

**Today: 12 Noon Holy Baptism**

Tue 5th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

**Wed 6th: ASH WEDNESDAY**

**10.00am Eucharist with Ashing** (congregation and school)

**7.00pm Solemn Eucharist with Ashing**

Thu 7th: 10.30am Eucharist

No Thursday Ladies' Club. tonight – meeting on 14th

Saturday 9th 11.00am Confirmation rehearsal in church

**Next Sunday The Sunday next before Lent**

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

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

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

**Egg Boxes:** please save and bring in empty egg boxes.

**Electoral Roll:** A new Roll is being prepared and **everyone** must complete a new form to qualify. Please complete a form and return to Kathy Rowan or Fr Michael. Return no later than 14th March.

**Peace Proms:** the school choir will be performing some of the songs they sang at the Echo Arena on Wednesday 13th March at 9.00am in school. Come and support them - all welcome.

**Confirmation:** here in church on Tuesday 12th March at 7.00pm. Please, please come to this service! It’s the Bishop of Liverpool’s first visit to St Andrew’s.

**The Sunday next before Lent 3rd March 2019**

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

(All kneel)

Leader: Lord God, your Son Jesus Christ was transformed in the presence of the disciples. Give us a glimpse of your heavenly glory that we might share it with those around us. May your love transform our lives and give us the courage to speak to others about you.

We pray to the Anglican Church in Chile, the newest Province in our Church; for its archbishop, bishops, priests and people. Strengthen them in their mission and ministry.

We hold before you those who are to be confirmed next week, and those to be baptised later this morning. Strengthen us all as we prepare for Lent.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our world and or the many troubled places at this time: for the leaders and people of India and Pakistan, for Syria. for the United States and North Korea. Bless the efforts of statesmen and women around the world

We pray for our government and those negotiating with European leaders; and for all who are worried about their future or are anxious about their status at this time.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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Leader: Enfold in your loving arms all 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 bring before your throne of grace: Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Eileen Whitehead, Vera Wood, Gemma Rusling, Alex Halfpenny, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Joyce Hetherington, Pauline Smith, Callum Foy, Joan Clegg, Norma Lee, Stan Brand and Beryl Bentley. May they know the peace that your Spirit brings.

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 pray for the faithful departed, including Patrick Donnelly, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Wilson Brown, Rebecca Hands, Andy McMurray, Joseph Cox and Joseph Thomas. 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.

Merciful Father,

**All: accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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