

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

**4th February 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 250 omit vv.5+6 ‘All creatures of our God and King’

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 God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of Proverbs** *(****Prov 8.1, 22–31)***

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  445 ‘God moves in a mysterious way’

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians** *(Col 1.15–20)*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 515 ‘Lord thy word abideth’

##### 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 John *(Jn 1. 1 – 14)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

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) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia (3)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling (2) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor (1) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Doreen Ross

* **those who have died:** Chris Peters, Les Parkinson
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Tuesday:*** Tommy Crozier

***Wednesday:*** Ben Fisher, Gilbert Scarisbrick

***Thursday:*** Beryl Fisher

***Friday:*** Harry Clarke

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:** 380 omit vv.4+6 ‘At the name of Jesus’

**Eucharistic Prayer B** *(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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

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

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

Priest: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Andrew andall the saints*,* may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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.

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:

501 ‘Light of the minds that know him’

383 ‘Be still, for the power of the Lord’

**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:** 474 ‘Immortal, invisible, God only wise’

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 6tht: 1.15pm Funeral of Chris Peters

7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

Wed 7th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thu 8th: 10.30am Eucharist

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Sunday next before Lent**

**(11th Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**Electoral Roll:** please check that your details on the Electoral Roll, displayed in church, are correct. Please speak to Kathy Rowan if they need updating. Kathy also has application forms to have your name entered on the Roll if you’ve not already enrolled.

**Lent Boxes:** are available this morning. Please help yourself.

**Reminder:** Weds 14th Feb – **Ash Wednesday**, services at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

**Tea and Coffee:** please join us after the service.

**Second Sunday before Lent 4th February 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 for the world in which we live. Make us faithful and wise stewards of your creation.

We pray for your Church around the world. Help us to know your Son and to live lives worthy of our calling. We hold before you the Diocese of Burundi and for their contribution to the holistic and sustainable development of all of creation.

Bless Paul our bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Father, hear our prayers for those parts of the world where people suffer through poverty, as a result of the greed of other nations and by inhumanity to one another. Give them a renewed sense of hope and bless the work of all who try to end injustice.

We pray for our world and for those who are working to protect it; for scientists who help us understand and for politicians who can make a real difference. Help us to play our part in conserving all that you have given us.

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 troubles.

We hold before you Jenson Wright, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Vera Wood, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith and Doreen Ross. Strengthen and uphold them – and those who care for them.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, you have prepared a heavenly kingdom for those who have passed into your closer presence. Hear our prayers for the faithful departed including Chris Peters and Les Parkinson who have died recently, and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, remembering especially Tommy Crozier.

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,**

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**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  498 ‘Let us with a gladsome mind’

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