

St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The Second Sunday before Lent**

**16th February 2020**

*We welcome the Rev Pam Lovatt as our celebrant and preacher today.*

**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: 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 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 Genesis** *(Gen 1. 1- 2. 3)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, ‘Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.’ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, ‘Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  490 ‘Jesus shall reign where’er the sun’

**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans** *(Rom. 8. 18-25)*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 496 ‘Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest We do not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All 🎜 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *(Matt. 6. 25-34)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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) John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris (3) Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw (2) Vera Wood, Ann Carmen (1) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith

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

***Sunday:*** Jean Ratcliffe ***Monday:*** Ett Worrall

***Friday:*** Mary Gough, Pat Donnelley ***Saturday:*** June Dearden

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:**  427 ‘For the healing of the nations’

**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 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 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.

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:

332 ‘Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants’

519 ‘Make me a channel of your peace’

**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:** 376 ‘And can it be’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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

**Next Sunday The Sunday next before Lent**

**(23rd Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

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

**Electoral Roll:** Please check your details on the Electoral Roll (on the noticeboard). If you would like to be enrolled, or change your entry, please speak to one of the church wardens. **Annual Parish Meeting on April 19th**

**Ash Wednesday:** (26th Feb). Please let the church wardens know if are coming to the service at 7.00pm. The Archdeacon will lead the service if there is sufficient interest. Please do support this service.

**Contact Details:** Mrs F Greatorex 07596 722139; Mrs M Harrington 07799 897928; Mr P Thirsk 07903 925949

Next PCC Meeting is **MONDAY MARCH 16th at 7. 00pm** to finalise Parish Profile

**The Second Sunday before Lent 16th February 2020**

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

(All kneel)

Leader: O God, the creator and preserver of all, we pray for people in every kind of need; make your ways known on earth, your saving health among all nations.

We thank you for the world you have created for us and for all that is good in it. Help us to be good stewards of its resources. Bless those who campaign against climate change, and open the eyes of world leaders to the urgency of their cause.

We pray for all who suffer from the coronavirus and those who are trying to contain it. Be with those who have suffered as a result of this week’s storms.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the good estate of the Church; guide and govern us by your Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.

Help us, and Christians everywhere, to grow in faith and follow the teaching of your Son as we prepare for Lent. We pray for those preparing for ordained ministry within the Church, and for those who teach the faith.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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Leader: We commend to your fatherly goodness all those 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: John Hall, Pauline Smith, Pete Harris, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eileen Whitehead, Lynn Shaw, Vera Wood, Ann Carmen, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer and Michelle Smith. 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 those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Jean Ratcliffe, Ett Worrall, Mary Gough, Pat Donnelley, Rick Williams and June Dearden. 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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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

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All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)*  490 ‘Jesus shall reign where’er the sun’

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