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St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**The First Sunday of Lent**

**18th February 2018**

**THE GATHERING**

**Introit hymn:** 95‘Forty days and forty nights’

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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.

All *(sing)*: Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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.**

**The Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through 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 Genesis** *(Gen 9 .8–17)*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25**

Choir: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love

for those who keep your covenant.

**All: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love**

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1. Lord, make me know your ways,

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me,

for you are God my saviour. **Response.**

1. Remember your mer-cy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth

because of your good-ness, O Lord. **Response.**

1. The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path,

he teaches his way to the poor. **Response.**

**A reading from the first letter of Peter** *(1 Per 3. 18–22)*

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** 385 ‘Be thou my guardian and my guide’

Priest The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *(Mk 1. 9-15)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’ And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

**The Sermon**

*All stand to say 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 Intercession

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in the 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) Su Williams, Vera Wood, Michael Holland, Peter O’Connor (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Doreen Ross (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Zenia, Lindsey Hall, Michael Mullen (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Stan Bland, Beryl Bentley
* **those who have died:** David Donoghue
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**:

***Wednesday:*** Mary Gough

***Thursday:*** Rick Williams, June Dearden

***Friday:*** Shaun Mullen, Samuel Gough

***Saturday:*** George Clarke, Nell Hollingsworth

After the final petition:

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:Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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:** 538 ‘O Jesus I have promised’

Eucharistic Prayer C *(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 our Lord. And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. 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 *(sing)*: 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: All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Priest: Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; 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: Trusting in the compassion 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 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: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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:

324 ‘Sweet sacrament divine’

548 ‘One more step along the world I go’

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray:

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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:** 448 ‘God of grace and God of glory’

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

Services and Notices for the coming week:

Tues 20th: 7.00pm Parish Office and choir practice

Weds 21st 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 22nd: 10.30am Eucharist

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meet at the vicarage

Fri 23rd: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

**Next Sunday The Second Sunday of Lent**

**(25th Feb) 10.00am Sung Eucharist and Holy Baptism**

**Tea and Coffee available** after the service. Do join us.

**Electoral Roll:** please check your entry on the Roll is correct. If you’d like your name to be included, please see Kathy Rowan for a form.

**Lent 1 25th February 2018**

Priest: In the power of the Spirit and in the 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:

As your Son went into the wilderness to hear your voice, help us to use this Lent to grow in faith and love. May prayer lead to action, and self-denial to practical support for those in need. Inspire us to read your Holy Word and to live our lives in response to your love.

We pray for the Anglican Communion, and today for the Church in the Central Province of Africa. May bring hope to the people they serve and reflect your love to those around them.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Father, whose will is for justice and peace on earth. Look with compassion on Syria and Myanmar; for those who are trying to bring humanitarian aid to those in greatest need and for an end to violence and injustice.

We pray for all who have been affected by natural disaster, especially in Mexico, and those rebuilding their lives after previous disasters..

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray today those who suffer through addiction and for the agencies that support them.

We pray for our brothers and sisters here in Orford and ask your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

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Leader: Loving Father, whose Son shared our earthly life and knew suffering and pain. Enfold in your loving arms: Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor, Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Eileen Chorley, Lindsey Hall, Michael Mullen, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead and Stephen Rawling... and any others whom we bring to mind at this time.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Hear us, Father, as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, including those who have died recently and now share with you in your eternal and glorious kingdom. We pray for David Donoghue.

We also pray for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, including Shaun Mullen and George Clarke, According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

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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**Lent 1 [to be led by children – not used in 2016] 14th February 2016**

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

(All kneel)

Leader: Lord Jesus, you went into the desert to pray to your Father. Help us to pray each day and to listen to your word.

We pray for the church in this country and for her leaders.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Loving Father, be with the leaders of the nations at this time. Help them to find a way to bring peace to the Ukraine.

Bless the work of the peacemakers, especially in Syria.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Father, we pray for our church school and for Wendy and Angie as they visit our partner school in South Africa. May we learn from one another.

We pray for the church in Orford and ask your blessing on our shared Lent course.

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Leader: Hear us, Father, as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, including Harry Clarke, Marie Baker, Irene Ward, Hilda Lee, Doreen Willis and Richard Williams.

We also pray for those whom we remember at this time, including Tom Clegg and Charlie Brierley. According to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

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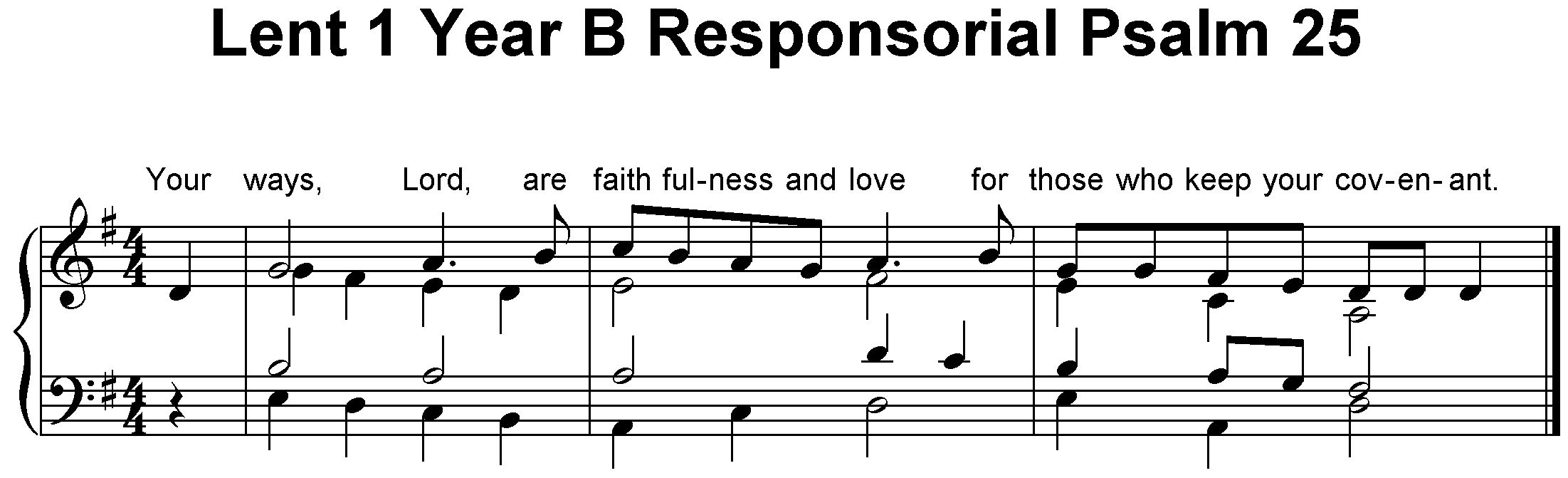
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