



## Parish Eucharist

21 March 2021

*Please stand as the clergy enter.*

### The Gathering

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

*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.**

### Prayers of Penitence

*Priest* God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Priest* O God, you know my foolishness and my sins are not hidden from you: Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest* Let not the flood overwhelm me nor the depths swallow me up; let not the pit shut its mouth upon me: Christ have mercy.

*All* **Christ have mercy.**

*Priest* Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good; turn to me as your compassion is great: Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

### The Absolution

*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.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Collect

*The Collect is said, and all respond.*

*All*

**Amen.**

## First Reading

A reading from the book of Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,[a] says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Hebrews 5:5-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

## **The Gospel - John 12:20-33**

*Priest* The Lord be with you,

*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[a] to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Priest* This the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*Fr Robin Sims-Williams*

## The Creed

*Priest* Let us stand to declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*All Stand.*

*All* **We believe in one God, 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers. The following response will be used:*

Lord in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Merciful Father,

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

## The Peace

*Please stand for the peace.*

*Priest* Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace from their seats*

*The table is prepared. Please remain standing.*

## The Eucharist

*Priest* The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, 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.**

*Please remain standing.*

*Priest* We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Priest Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*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.**

## Agnus Dei

*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.**

### Invitation to Communion

*Exhortation from the BCP regarding Spiritual Communion:*

*Priest* If by any just impediment one does not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body or Blood, the Curate shall instruct them that:

If you do truly repent of your sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the Cross for you, and shed his Blood for your redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits you have thereby received, and giving God hearty thanks, therefore you do eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to your soul's health, although you do not receive the Sacrament with your mouth.

*The invitation:*

*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.

### Prayer of Humble Access

*All* **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### The Distribution

*Before the distribution the priest will present the bread and wine, saying:*

*Priest* The body of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

*Priest* The blood of Christ, keep you in eternal life.

*All* **Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive the bread from the standing station. If you normally receive the bread in your own church, then you are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms.*

*During distribution no words will be spoken.*

*When everybody has received the bread and is at their places:*

*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.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

*Priest* Let us pray.  
*The prayer for the day is read, and all respond:*

*All* **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.**

### **Notices**

#### **The Blessing and Dismissal**

*Please stand.*

*Priest* The Lord be with you,  
*All* **and also with you.**

*Priest* Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please remain standing while the clergy depart.*

*Under the current restrictions gathering with those outside your household is not allowed.*

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