



All Saints Church, Hertford

Family Eucharist for Second Sunday of Lent 21st Feb. 2021

Notices

Introit Almighty and everlasting God – *Farrant or Hilton*
Choir of Westminster Abbey

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,
now and evermore.

Welcome and Greeting Rev Jo Loveridge

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

Preparing for the Word

We worship with Christians near and far,
living and departed, old and young.
God's word is for all of us.
May it be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Opening Prayer

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Praying for Ourselves

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.

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him

**Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were lost
but now are found through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The priest declares God's forgiveness

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you all your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

We sit for the Reading Romans 4.13-25 Dorothy Toyn

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed,

who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Gradual Hymn* 6 New every morning**

Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

- 1 New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.
- 2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
- 4 The trivial round, the common task,
would furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.
- 5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

***Gospel Reading* Mark 8.31-38** Martin Bird

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection Rev Jo Loveridge

We stand for **The Creed**

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen. *Ephesians 3*

Praying for others Leon Ajao

Let us pray to our God in faith, knowing that he understands what is best for us.

Heavenly Father, increase our faith, that everyone in your Church may be more ready to trust you and move forward with you wherever you lead us.

Heavenly Father, give to all leaders and their advisers the courage to be honest, the will to be just, the greatness to be humble and the openness to learn.

Heavenly Father, at the door of each home place your welcome; in the rooms of each home, your love; in the eyes of each person, your truth; and in all our companionship, your own.

Heavenly Father, give comfort and healing to those who are ill, peace to the anxious, and reassurance to the afraid; may we know your love for us through both the good and the agonising times.

Heavenly Father, may the dying be prepared to meet you, and the souls of those who have died in faith live for ever in the joy of your presence.

Heavenly Father, give us thankful hearts to bless your name in sadness and in joy; knowing

that you are always there beside us.

At the end:

Lord of the Church,

**hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever.
Amen.**

Sharing Communion

We stand for The Peace

After the introductory words

God has called us to live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

We wave to one another

Offertory Hymn 586 The God of Abraham praise
Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, California

- 1 The God of Abraham praise
 who reigns enthroned above,
 Ancient of everlasting days,
 and God of love:
 Jehovah, great I AM,
 by earth and heaven confessed;
 I bow and bless the sacred name
 for ever blest.

- 2 The God of Abraham praise,
 at whose supreme command
 from earth I rise, and seek the joys
 at his right hand:
 I all on earth forsake,
 its wisdom, fame and power;
 and him our only portion make,
 my shield and tower.

- 3 He by himself has sworn,
 I on his oath depend:
 I shall, on eagles' wings upborne,
 to heaven ascend;
 I shall behold his face,
 I shall his power adore
 and sing the wonders of his grace
 for evermore.

4 The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high;
 'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost',
 they ever cry:
 hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
 (I join the heavenly lays)
 all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

*We say the **Sanctus***

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

There may be a short period of silence

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

Anthem Solus ad Victimam – Leighton

Choir of St Stephens, Canterbury (in Salisbury Cathedral)

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord
That very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard. Tr Helen Waddell.

After Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Final Hymn 523 Jesu, lover of my soul

St David's Cathedral, St Davids, Wales

- 1 Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

- 2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from ev'ry sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Blessing

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.