

The Holy Communion
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
28 February 2021

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

(Please stand)

Hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Sentence If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself,
take up your cross, and follow him. *Mark 8.34*

**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.**

Invitation to Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

**Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.**

Prayer of the Day

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we,
being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Sit for the readings)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Silence may follow each reading.)

First Reading A reading from the book Genesis (17.7-7, 17-15-16)

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her

name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(24-32, APBA p.242)

²⁴ O praise the Lord, all you that fear him:
hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob,
and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

²⁵ **For he has not despised nor abhorred
the poor man in his misery:
nor did he hide his face from him,
but heard him when he cried.**

²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

²⁷ **The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!**

²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember
and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

²⁹ **For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.**

³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

³¹ **But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.**

³² This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Second Reading A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans (4.13-25)

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ 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, ¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ 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.'¹⁹ 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.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

(Stand for the Gospel)

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark(8.31-38)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ Then he 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.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ 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.'³⁴ 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.³⁵ 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.³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ 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.'

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon

Silence may follow.

(Stand for the Creed)

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sit or kneel for the prayers)

The minister says

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

After each prayer

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with this prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Hymn Gift of finest wheat

Refrain: You satisfy the

hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat

Come give to us, O Saving

Lord

The Bread of Life to eat

As when the shepherd calls his
sheep

They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice

Refrain:

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy

Lord

To share this Heavenly food

Refrain:

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

Refrain:

The myst'ry of your presence,
Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot
contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

Refrain:

(remain standing for the Great Thanksgiving)

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

He was tempted in every way as we are,
yet he did not sin.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,

he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to walk in the way of his love.

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:



**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.

(Kneel for the Prayer of Consecration)

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.' 🕊

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' 🕊

In obedience to this command:

We remember his death on the cross.

We proclaim the resurrection to new life.

We await Christ's coming in glory.

With this bread and this cup,
we remember the saving death of your Son,
his resurrection and ascension,
and his promise to be with us for ever.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,
bring us to eternal life with Christ,
as we look for his coming in glory,
and for the heavenly banquet
prepared for all your people.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen. 🕊**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to 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.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.**

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*During COVID-19 restrictions we will administer Holy Communion under
one kind; the bread.*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

(Kneel or sit for a time for quiet reflection following Holy Communion)

Hymn Christ, our star, our map, our road

*Refrain: In faith and hope and love
with joyful trust we move
Towards our Father's home above.*

1. Christ our star, our map our road to the Fathers high abode.

Refrain

2. Christ, our bread along the way; Christ our rescue when we stray.

Refrain

3. Christ our shelter, Christ our friend, our beginning and our end.

Refrain

4. Christ, our hope and our reward; our redeemer and our Lord.

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy,
may we who have shared in this holy meal
know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others,
and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Most loving God,

You send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go faithfully and with courage

In the power of your Spirit.

Blessing

Stand for the Blessing

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven [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

Hymn This day God gives me the strength of high heaven

This day God gives me
Strength of high heaven,
Sun and moon shining,
Flame in my hearth,
Flashing of lightning,
Wind in its swiftness,
Depths of the ocean,
Firmness of earth.

God's way my way,
God's shield round me,
God's host defends me,
Saving from ill.
Angels of heaven,
Drive from me always
All that would harm me,
Stand by me still.

This day God sends me
Strength to sustain me,
Might to uphold me,
Wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
Your ears are list'ning,
Your lips are speaking,
Friend at my side.

Rising, I thank you,
Mighty and strong One,
King of creation,
Giver of rest,
Firmly confessing
Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead,
Trinity blest.