Sung Eucharist

The Second Sunday before Lent

7th February 2021

10.30am

Nave
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The Gathering

Before the Service begins the Dean offers a welcome

The President says

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

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.

The President introduces

Prayers of Penitence

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us confess our sins.

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.

The President says

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.
Gloria in Excelsis

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.

The Collect

Let us pray.

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.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The Epistle

Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and
invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things
have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all
things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body,
the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he
might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness
of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making
peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Remain seated as a recording is played of 104.24-29

O Lord, how manifold are thy works:
in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is the great and wide sea also:
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan:
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.

These wait all upon thee:
that thou mayest give them meat in due season.

When thou givest it them they gather it:
and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.

When thou hidest thy face they are troubled:
when thou takest away their breath they die,
and are turned again to their dust.

Stand as the Gospeller says

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life
Alleluia.

The Gospel  John 1.1-14

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The organist plays a Gospel fanfare

Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit

Sermon The Reverend M J Kramer, Precentor

Following the Sermon please stand

The Nicene Creed

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.

Please sit when the President says ‘Let us pray’

Prayers of Intercession
One of these responses is used

Lord, in your mercy  Lord, hear us.
hear our prayer.  Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The President says

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory

Please sit

During the Offertory the organist plays an improvisation

Please stand when the thurifer turns to cense the people

The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

The President praises God for his mighty acts

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

A recording is played of

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

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

Music: Missa Brevis Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

The President recalls the Last Supper

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:**
**Christ is risen:**
**Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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.**
The Lord’s Prayer

The President says

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.

Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed 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.

Sit for

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain seated in your place. Communion will be brought to you by a priest. Please remain seated as you receive Communion.

Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the priest in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present, you should not make any contact with the priest’s fingers.

Please ask the priest if you would prefer a blessing or a gluten-free host.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed in one kind only. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord’s Body and Blood is received.

We keep a prayerful silence together during Communion as we prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.

During Communion, a recording is played of

Hear us, O hear us Lord; to thee
A sinner is more music, when he prays,
Than spheres, or angels' praises be,
In panegyrical alleluias,
Hear us, for till thou hear us, Lord
We know not what to say.
Thine ear to our sighs, tears, thoughts gives voice and word.
O thou who Satan heard'st in Job's sick day,
Hear thyself now, for thou in us dost pray.

Words: John Donne (1572-1631)     Music: Anthony Piccolo (b. 1953)

Just as I am, without one plea
4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive;
But that thy blood was shed for me,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Has broken every barrier down),
Fightings within, and fears without,
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
6 Just as I am, of that free love
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Yea all I need, in thee to find,
Here for a season then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)      Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN       NEH 294
Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the President says

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 then say

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.

The President says

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 among you and remain with you always. 
Amen.

Go in peace of Christ. 
Thanks be to God.
For your safety

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