Sung Eucharist

The Sunday next before Lent

14th February 2021

10.30am

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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.

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 Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2.1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he said, ‘Yes, I know; keep silent.’
Elijah said to him, ‘Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’

Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated as a recording is played of Psalm 54

Save me, O God, for thy Name's sake:
and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer, O God:
and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me:
and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper:
the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:
destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord:
because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble:
and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.
Stand as the Gospeller says

Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

The Gospel  

Mark 9.2-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 Archdeacon of Canterbury, Vice Dean

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 hear our prayer. Lord, hear us.

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 the 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: (2018)

A recording is played of

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

Music: Missa Brevis Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)

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.

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**Notre Père...**  
**Vater Unser...**  
**Onze Vader...**  
**Padre Nuestro...**  
**Ojcze Nasz...**  
**Baba Yetu...**  
**E to matou Matua...**  
**Ein Tad...**

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**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.**

The Body and Blood of Christ.  **Amen.**
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


Words: Liber usualis

Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed water and blood: may it be for us a foretaste in the trial of death. O sweet, O gentle, O Jesu, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen

Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing, brought me.

Words: H W Baker (1821-77)

4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread’st a table in my sight; Thy unction, grace bestoweth; And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house for ever.

Words: H W Baker (1821-77)

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Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the President says

Let us pray.

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
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