Sung Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Lent

28th 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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Remain standing to say

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Remain standing as the choir sings

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

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.
The Collect

Let us pray.

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.

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading  
Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

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. And I will
make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly
numerous.’ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ‘As for me, this
is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
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. I will make you
exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from
you. 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.

God said to Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but
Sarah shall be her name. 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.’

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
O praise the Lord, ye that fear him:
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;
For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor:
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.
My praise is of thee in the great congregation:
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied:
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.
All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord:
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.
For the kingdom is the Lord’s:
and he is the Governor among the people.

Stand as the Gospeller says

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.
God is Spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and truth.
Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Gospel  
Mark 8.31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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.
Once the Sermon has been introduced please sit

**Sermon** The Reverend Dr T J N Naish, 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... Lord, hear us.

hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Motet
O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur: Recolitur memoria, passionis eius: Mens impletur gratia: Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet! in which Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory to us is given.

Words: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Stand

The President says

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

The Offertory

Please sit

During the Offertory the choir sings the offertory hymn

1 My God, I love thee; not because I hope for heaven thereby, Nor yet because who love thee not Are lost eternally.

2 Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me Upon the Cross embrace; For me didst bear the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace,

3 And griefs and torments numberless, And sweat of agony; E’en death itself; and all for one That was thine enemy.

4 Then why, O blessèd Jesu Christ, Should I not love thee well, Not for the sake of winning heaven, Or of escaping hell;

5 Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward; But as thyself hast lovèd me, O ever-loving Lord!

6 E’en so I love thee, and will love, And in thy praise will sing, Solely because thou art my God, And my eternal King.

Words: 17th Century Latin Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78) Tune: ST FRANCIS XAVIER NEH 73ii
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The President takes the bread and wine and praises God for his gifts

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love,
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of 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

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings
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.
The President recalls the Last Supper

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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 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.

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.

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

Remain standing for

Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the consecrated bread, saying

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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, the choir may sing the Benedictus and/or Agnus Dei

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

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.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Stand as the President says

Let us pray.

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.

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

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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Bach, Prelude in b, BWV 544

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