

St. Christopher's Church, Hinchley Wood

Sunday 20th February 2022 – 2nd Sunday before Lent

Welcome to our "Hybrid" Eucharist Service. We welcome those who are joining us here in Church, or via Zoom from their homes.

God is gracious and merciful. Our heavenly Father works with us in our weakness, teaching us through the challenges of life and helping our faith to grow. So let us come together in a spirit of thanksgiving.

Please join in with the words in **bold** print.

Gathering

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

All **and also with you.**

Hymn: Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (379)

**Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee,
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,
love with ev'ry passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided
nothing can our peace destroy.**

Confession

We do not always find faith easy, especially when life is difficult. But even when we fall short our heavenly Father never abandons us. So let us confess our shortcomings and receive forgiveness afresh.

When hard times lead us to question God's love.

Lord have mercy *All* **Lord, have mercy.**

When we go it alone in life's storms instead of seeking God's help.

Christ, have mercy. *All* **Christ, have mercy.**

When we underestimate God's grace.

Lord have mercy *All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria

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.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reading: (Genesis 2:4b-9,15-24)

A reading from the book of Genesis

When the Lord God made the universe, there were no plants on the earth and no seeds had sprouted, because he had not sent any rain, and there was no one to cultivate the land; but water would come up from beneath the surface and water the ground.

Then the Lord God took some soil from the ground and formed a man out of it; he breathed life-giving breath into his nostrils and the man began to live.

Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East, and there he put the man he had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruit. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad.

Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. He told him, "You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day."

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him." So he took some soil from the ground and formed all the animals and all the birds. Then he brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and that is how they all got their names. So the man named all the birds and all the animals; but not one of them was a suitable companion to help him.

Then the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep, and while he was sleeping, he took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the flesh. He formed a woman out of the rib and brought her to him. Then the man said,

"At last, here is one of my own kind—

Bone taken from my bone, and flesh from my flesh.

'Woman' is her name because she was taken out of man."

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 65

O God, it is right for us to praise you in Zion
and keep our promises to you, because you answer prayers.
People everywhere will come to you
on account of their sins.

**Our faults defeat us, but you forgive them.
Happy are those whom you choose,
whom you bring to live in your sanctuary.**

We shall be satisfied with the good things of your house,
the blessings of your sacred Temple.
You answer us by giving us victory,
and you do wonderful things to save us.

**People all over the world
and across the distant seas trust in you.
You set the mountains in place by your strength,
showing your mighty power.**

You calm the roar of the seas and the noise of the waves;
you calm the uproar of the peoples.
The whole world stands in awe
of the great things that you have done.

**Your deeds bring shouts of joy
from one end of the earth to the other.
You show your care for the land by sending rain;
you make it rich and fertile.**

You fill the streams with water; you provide the earth with crops.
This is how you do it:
you send abundant rain on the plowed fields and soak them with water;
you soften the soil with showers and cause the young plants to grow.

**What a rich harvest your goodness provides!
Wherever you go there is plenty.
The pastures are filled with flocks;
the hillsides are full of joy.**
The fields are covered with sheep; the valleys are full of wheat.
Everything shouts and sings for joy.

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
All Alleluia.

Gospel: (Luke 8:22-25)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples and said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they started out. As they were sailing, Jesus fell asleep. Suddenly a strong wind blew down on the lake, and the boat began to fill with water, so that they were all in great danger. The disciples went to Jesus and woke him up, saying, "Master, Master! We are about to die!"

Jesus got up and gave an order to the wind and to the stormy water; they quieted down, and there was a great calm. Then he said to the disciples, "Where is your faith?"

But they were amazed and afraid, and said to one another, "Who is this man? He gives orders to the winds and waves, and they obey him!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**

Talk

Hymn: I Cannot Tell (303)

**I cannot tell how he whom angels worship,
should stoop to love the peoples of the Earth,
or why as Shepherd he should seek the wanderer
with his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his Earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
And he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
And some glad day his sun shall shine in splendour
When he the Saviour, Saviour of the world is known.**

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when ev'ry heart with perfect love is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and Earth to Heav'n, and Heav'n to Earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God

All Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
Even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name;
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen

Intercessions

Between the prayers we say

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers we say

Merciful God, accept our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen

The Peace

Whatever troubles life brings our way, we can know peace in Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

We offer a socially distanced sign of peace to one another

Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign (359)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns,
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the humble poor are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. *All* His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. *All* We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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.

And now we give you thanks because on the first day of the week
he overcame death and the grave and opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*:

All **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.**

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:

All **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 St. Christopher and 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.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Distribution of Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

If you wish to receive holy communion please stand

The body of Christ

All Amen

Holy Communion is distributed to those in the Church.

Chant: Adoramus Te, Domine (921)

(Hum) Adoramus te Domine

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Prayer of Spiritual Communion (for private prayer)

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now
receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O
most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

Closing Prayer

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen**

Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling (428)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O Breath thy loving spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast,
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Blessing and Dismissal

In the challenges that the week ahead will bring,
may your faith deepen as you turn to Christ for help,
to receive the strength, comfort and wisdom you need.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

***If you are in the church, please stay in your place until
you are directed by a steward to leave the building.***

*There are no longer any rules about wearing masks.
We encourage you to wear a mask when walking around,
However, it is a matter of personal preference.*

*The general principle of remaining socially distanced
(minimum of 2m) from anyone not in your household
is a great defence against spreading COVID.*

Please respect that others may not be comfortable with close contact.

***Thank you for filling in our COVID-19 track and trace book, if you
feel unwell during the week, please ring 07824 323815 so that we
can contact others who were here today.***

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