



Holy Communion

9.30am – 23rd February 2025

Second Sunday before Lent

All creatures of our God and King ²⁵⁰

Lift up your voice and with us sing

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign

Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Gathering and Greeting

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

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Prayers of Penitence

By the mercies of God, let us confess our
sins and present our bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to him, which
is our spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1.*

Confession

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.

Assurance of forgiveness

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.

We sing the

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
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.

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

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.
All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and
the earth when they were created, when
the Lord God made the earth and the
heavens.

⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the
earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for
the Lord God had not sent rain on the
earth and there was no one to work the
ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the
earth and watered the whole surface of the
ground. ⁷ Then the Lord God formed a man
from the dust of the ground and breathed
into his nostrils the breath of life, and the
man became a living being.

⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden
in the east, in Eden; and there he put the

man he had formed. ⁹ The Lord God made
all kinds of trees grow out of the ground –
trees that were pleasing to the eye and
good for food. In the middle of the garden
were the tree of life and the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil.

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¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him
in the Garden of Eden to work it and take
care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded
the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree
in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from
the tree of the knowledge of good and evil,
for when you eat from it you will certainly
die.' ¹⁸ The Lord God said, 'It is not good for
the man to be alone. I will make a helper
suitable for him.'

¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of
the ground all the wild animals and all the
birds in the sky. He brought them to the
man to see what he would name them; and
whatever the man called each living
creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man
gave names to all the livestock, the birds in
the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was
found. ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man
to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was
sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and
then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then
the Lord God made a woman from the
rib he had taken out of the man, and he
brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,
'This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called "woman",
for she was taken out of man.'

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and
mother and is united to his wife, and they
become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and
they felt no shame.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 65

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; • to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

² To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; • when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. • We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

⁴ With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, • O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

⁵ In your strength you set fast the mountains • and are girded about with might.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

⁶ You still the raging of the seas, • the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; • the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

⁸ You visit the earth and water it; • you make it very plenteous.

⁹ The river of God is full of water; • you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; • you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, • and your paths overflow with plenty.

Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

¹² May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness • and the hills be girded with joy.

¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep • and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. Happy are they whom you chose to dwell in your courts.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty," who was, and is, and is to come.' ⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the

throne and who lives for ever and ever,
¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before
him who sits on the throne and worship
him who lives for ever and ever. They lay
their crowns before the throne and say:
¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to
receive glory and honour and power, for
you created all things, and by your will they
were created and have their being.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up
on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples
came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

He said:

³ Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you,
persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be
glad, because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Philip Sudell

Profession of Faith

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.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

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

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation. The old has passed
away: behold, everything has become new.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Of the Father's love begotten 64
Ere the world began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the source the ending He
Of the things that are that have been
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore

O that birth forever blessed
When the Virgin full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving
Bare the Saviour of our race
And the Babe the world's Redeemer
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heaven adore Him
Angel hosts His praises sing
Pow'rs dominions bow before Him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you
thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly
King, almighty and eternal God, through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is
your living Word; through him you have
created all things from the beginning, and
formed us in your own image. Through him
you have freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and to
die upon the cross; you raised him from the
dead and exalted him to your right hand on
high. Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us
a people for your own possession.

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:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life.

All: When we eat this bread
 and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord
 Jesus, until you come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and
 power be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

The Breaking of Bread

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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

Thou whose almighty word 267
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the Gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light.

Blessing

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.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday

2nd March – Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Matthew 5:13-16

