

Holy Communion

9.30am – 15th February 26

Last Sunday before Lent

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

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Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the
world through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a
people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

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 in Jesus Christ has
given us a kingdom that cannot be
destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your
eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do
God's will and give you the joy of his
kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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 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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 14:5-31

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, 'What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!' ⁶ So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷ He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them.

⁸ The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹ The Egyptians – all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops – pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

¹⁰ As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Didn't we say to you in Egypt, "Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians"? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!' ¹³ Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will

bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.' ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸ The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.'

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been travelling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other; so neither went near the other all night long. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, 'Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.' ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak

the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing towards it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. ²⁸The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen – the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

¹Why are the nations in tumult, • and why do the peoples devise a vain plot? ²The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, • against the Lord and against his anointed: ³Let us break their bonds asunder • and cast away their cords from us.'

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

⁴He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; • the Lord shall have them in derision. ⁵Then shall he speak to them in his wrath • and terrify them in his fury:

⁶Yet have I set my king • upon my holy hill of Zion.'

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

⁷I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; • he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. ⁸Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance • and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall break them with a rod of iron • and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

¹⁰Now therefore be wise, O kings; • be prudent, you judges of the earth. ¹¹Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, • lest he be angry and you perish from the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. ¹²Happy are all they • who take refuge in him.

Happy are all who take refuge in him.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. ¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.² There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.³ Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.⁴ Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.'⁸ When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd 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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness 111
my beauty are, my glorious dress;
'midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
with joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in thy great day;
for who ought to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

Jesus, be endless praise to thee,
whose boundless mercy hath for me—
for me a full atonement made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

Ah! give to all thy servants, Lord,
with power to speak Thy quickening word;
that all who to Thy wounds will flee
may find eternal life in Thee.

John Wesley | Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf

The Eucharistic Prayer

All: The Lord be with you.

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.**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;

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For Jesus restores what sin would destroy. God's power and glory in Jesus we know; And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; The captives are freed, the sinners find place,

The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;

And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:

Believe the good news, repent and rejoice! God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:

Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;

In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;

And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;; 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.**

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Readings for next Sunday

22nd February – Lent 1

Genesis 2.15–17; 3.1–7

Psalm 32

Hebrews 1:1–4

Matthew 4.1–11

The week ahead

Sun 15 th	9.30am 11am After services	Holy Communion Morning Service Discipleship Trg Lunch
Mon 16 th		
Tues 17 th		Shrove Tuesday
Wed 18 th	12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
	8:00pm	Discipleship Trg Rpt @ 163 CHL
Thurs 19 th		
Fri 20 th	7.15 for 7.30-8am	Friday Prayer
Sat 21 st		
Sun 22 nd	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

Spring Dates

Sun 15th Feb – Discipleship Training Lunch
 Tue 17th Feb – Shrove Tuesday
 Wed 18th Feb – Ash Wednesday HC, 12noon
 Wed 18th Feb – Discipleship Training Repeat
 Sat 28th Feb – Co-Mission Men's morning
 Sat 7th Mar – Family Fun Day
 Sun 8th Mar – Discipleship Training Lunch
 Mon 9th Mar – PCC Meeting
 Sat 14th Mar – Women's Brunch
 Sun 15th Mar – Mothering Sunday
 Wed 18th Mar – Discipleship Training Repeat
 Sun 29th Mar – Palm Sunday
 Fri 3rd April – Good Friday
 Sun 5th April – Easter Sunday
 Sat 11th April – Women's Brunch
 Sun 12th April – Discipleship Training Lunch
 Wed 15th April – Discipleship Training Repeat
 Sun 19th April – Church Family Lunch
 Sat 25th April – Men's Breakfast
 Mon 27th April – PCC Meeting

Easter experience

17th/18th Mar - Please let Sam know if you can help with setting up on Sun 15th March, or participating in the Easter experience as character from the Bible!

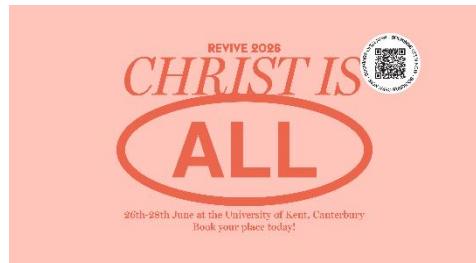
Co-Mission Men's Morning

Sat 28th Feb - Speak to Philip to find out more, co-mission.org/mensmorning



Co-Mission Revive W/E Away

26th - 28th June – Booking Discount window is 22nd Feb – 7th March.



Family Fun Time
Sat 7th Mar

Let Sam Reeder know if you can help.



New Sermon Series starting on Sun Feb 22nd. Looking at how Jesus fulfils all the promise of the Old Testament.