

The Parish Church of All Saints' Sanderstead

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 24th January 2021
3rd Sunday of Epiphany



*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

A sincere welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ!

We continue our series on The Psalms. Today, Canon Martin will speak on Psalm 85: God in a time of crisis.

You may wish to prepare a table with bread and wine, and light a candle so that we can participate together in Holy Communion later in this service.

As we prepare for worship, you may wish to turn to Psalm 85 and pray: "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O LORD and grant us your salvation."

Opening Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C77pE9-V0vU>

IN CHRIST ALONE MY HOPE IS FOUND,

He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Stuart Townend

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

And also with you.

Preparation. We say together:

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord;
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself'.
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets
Amen. Lord, have mercy

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to
save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring
us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to
keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

May the Father forgive you
by the death of his Son
and strengthen you to live in the power of the Spirit
all your days.

Amen

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| <i>'Gloria in Excelsis' (Sung by All Saints' Choir)</i> |
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**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**

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| <i>The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today</i> |
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**God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen**

First Reading

Psalm 85

- ¹ You, Lord, showed favour to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ² You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.
- ³ You set aside all your wrath
and turned from your fierce anger.
- ⁴ Restore us again, God our Saviour,
and put away your displeasure towards us.
- ⁵ Will you be angry with us for ever?
Will you prolong your anger through all generations?
- ⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷ Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸ I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants –
but let them not turn to folly.
- ⁹ Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰ Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹ Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
- ¹² The Lord will indeed give what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.
- ¹³ Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord never Ceases

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBX_YvQ8BKE

THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD NEVER CEASES,
His Mercies Never Come To An End,
They Are New Every Morning, New Every Morning
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Oh Lord)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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| <i>Gospel Reading</i> |
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John 3:16-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

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| <i>The Creed</i> |
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The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

These prayers end with...

Merciful Father

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

The priest greets the people in peace.

Seek and work for peace:
peace in your heart, peace in your spirit,
peace in your mind, peace in your home.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
You bring forth bread from the earth
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
You create the fruit of the vine.
Blessed be God for ever.



The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer H)

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
**He opened his arms of love on the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ,
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**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.**

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.**

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| <i>The priest breaks the consecrated bread</i> |
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Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Time of Quiet

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| <i>Prayer after Communion</i> |
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Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion, keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**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**

Any notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

May you be transformed into the likeness of Christ
hour by hour, day by day
And may the Lord renew and refresh you.
And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g4p3v06lhk>

RESTORE O LORD, THE HONOUR OF YOUR NAME

in works of sovereign power come shake the earth again,
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,
and in our time revive the Church that bears your name.
And in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
in your refiner's fire come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
still our living God is reigning, he is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name,
in works of sovereign power come shake the earth again,
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Dismissal

**Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
eternal power be our support,
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
eternal pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite
mercy to your holy presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Alcuin of York 735-804

Now go out from this place to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen

