All Saints Church: The Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 7th February 2021

2nd Sunday before Lent



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, Bishop David Atkinson will speak on Psalm 139: "Who do you think you are?".

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 you prepare for worship, you may wish to turn to Psalm 139: "O LORD, you have searched me and you know me (1)... You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you (13)." The LORD made, knows and loves us. Jesus is Lord https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HHYt40whHQ

JESUS IS LORD!

Creation's voice proclaims it, for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it; sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!

> Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord! Praise him with hallelujahs for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree. Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding, yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror, from death he rose, and all his foes shall own his name. Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

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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.

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. 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.**

'Gloria in Excelsis' (Sung by All Saints' Choir)

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

The minister leads us in the special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your 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, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and forever. Amen

Psalm 139

¹ You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue, you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand – when I awake, I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

²² I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.
²³ Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

Song: Lord, you have searched me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5fN7JvdfUE

LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME AND KNOW ME

You know when I sit, when I rise All of my moments, my ways and my words Are clearly discerned by your eyes. You have laid your hand upon me Enclosed me behind and before, Who else could ever have knowledge like you So high and s wonderful, Lord

> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens You are there, you are there. If I go deeper than oceans Or rise on the wings of the morning, Or fly to the farthest horizon. You are there, you are there, you are there.

If I thought darkness would hide me Shielding my ways from your sight Even the night would be bright as the day The darkness would shine with your light. Even before I was formed, Lord All of my days you ordained You have created me, you I will praise I'm fearfully, wonderfully made.

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Word became flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

The Sermon

Creed

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

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 F)

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and saying:

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 God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all, he 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, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross; we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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. Amen.

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.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The Invitation

God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the Glory of God the Father.

Time of Quiet

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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

Prayer of God's Blessing

Hear the teaching of Jesus: "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it".

Let us now go to do God's will, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn: All my hope on God is founded https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DohxO6ytsaU

ALL MY HOPE ON GOD IS FOUNDED;

he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower. God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore, from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930) alt. based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Chet Valley Song

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.