

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 6th February 2022, 4th Sunday before Lent **70th Anniversary of the Accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

Proclaiming Jesus, Changing lives, Serving our community

A sincere welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ! Whether you are in church physically or on-line it is wonderful to meet in Jesus' name.

Today marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the throne and the beginning of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We look forward to the Jubilee Weekend in June. As The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and also the head of state, it is right for us to pray for her work and for her needs, and today's Collect enables us to do just that.

We will begin a new series today, entitled: "Reboot". If you're a computer user, you'll know that there are times when you need to "shut down and restart". There are times like that in our lives as individuals and as a church, too! And over the next few Sundays we will look at various aspects of the Good News of Jesus Christ, using the symbols of a computer keyboard to illustrate an aspect of the gospel.

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.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please do not hesitate to contact me, Revd Jeremy Groombridge, via our website, <u>www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk</u>

As we prepare quietly for worship, you may wish to turn to Psalm 138: "The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."

Opening hymn



LORD OF ALL YOUR LOVE'S CREATION

present in each time and place, may this earthly house of worship be a source of heavenly grace. Spirit, who at Christ's baptizing came upon him as a dove, come, renew for us that symbol, seal us in God's faith and love.

Word of God, made flesh in Jesus, help us read, mark, learn and feed on your written word of power, reaching to our every need. For the preaching of the gospel, making known your word to all, Lord, we pray, and for the preachers humbly answering your call.

When we meet around your table, Lord, be here in bread and wine, real to us who find your presence in the world as in this sign. Christ, whose cross is foolish wisdom, teach us sacrificial ways to reveal your truth to strangers, welcome them in pilgrims' praise.

Praise to God whose power within us helps us more than we can say, in the church, and in Christ Jesus, in each age, and day by day. So we join in common worship, sharing in this house of prayer; come, Lord God, among your people: may all say that 'God is there!'

Stephen Parish (b.1949)

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.

Preparation. This prayer is said

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

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Almighty God,
the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things in wisdom and equity,
righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

First Reading



Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

[cont.]

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.

Reading: Ephesians 4: 22-24

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:24-30



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

²⁴ A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the

Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon



Anthem - sung by the Choir

Lead me, Lord by S.S.Wesley [Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.]

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.

HYMN: Lord of the Church



LORD OF THE CHURCH, we pray for our renewing:

Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.

Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing, a true repentance and a faith restored, a swift obedience and a new possessing, filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord! We turn to Christ from all our restless striving, unnumbered voices with a single prayer: the living water for our souls' reviving, in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.

Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting, true to one calling, by one vision stirred; one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting, one in the truth of Jesus and his word. So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended, one Church triumphant one new song shall sing, to praise his glory, risen and ascended, Christ over all, the everlasting King!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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.



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

Prayer after Communion

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: Lord, for the years

LORD, FOR THE YEARS your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way, sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided: Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us, speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze, teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us: Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation, spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care: for young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you, loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain, hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you: Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us self on the cross and Christ upon the throne, past put behind us, for the future take us: Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone. 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.

Voluntary: "Rondeau" by Henry Purcell



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NOTICES for Sunday 6th February 2022

MESSY CHURCH

Today (Sun 6th Feb) at 3.30pm - 5pm in CHURCH

We will be looking at the story of Abraham and Sarah and there will be loads of crafts, songs and games. Refreshments will be provided.



FAREWELL to BISHOP JONATHAN, Bishop of Croydon

Farewell Evensong - Thursday 24 Feb, 5.30pm Farewell reception - Thursday 24 Feb, 7pm

You have to book for both of these events – more details are on page 15 of the latest Keep In Touch newsletter.

CHURCH AWAY DAY - Saturday 5 March

Our Church Away Day will be at the Good Shepherd Church, Carshalton on Saturday 5th March, 10am – 4pm. We will be asking you to book for this. More details next week. Watch this space.