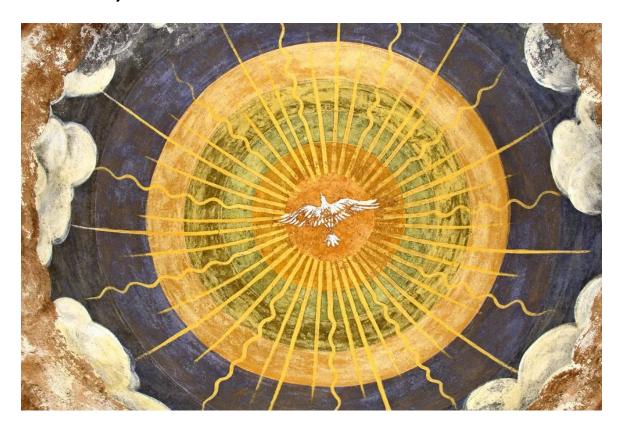
The Parish Church of All Saints', Sanderstead Team Ministry

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 15th November 2020 2nd Sunday before Advent



Call to Pray and Serve

Welcome to you all.

A warm welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ! Although we cannot meet together at the moment, God's Spirit draws us together in worship.

You may wish to light a candle and prepare some bread and wine in readiness for Holy Communion later in this service.

The theme of our sermon today is "The Parable of the Talents – use it or lose it".

If you would like to know more about the Christian Faith, do make contact with either Revd Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge. You can find our contact details via our website, www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk.

Hymn

O LORD MY GOD when I, in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand has made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away our sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart; then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989) ©1953 Stuart K. Hine/Kingsway's Thankyou Music

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'

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 'Collect' for today

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life,
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves
as he is pure;
that when he shall come again
in power and great glory
we may be made like him
in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Day of the Lord

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

- ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'
- ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
- ²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'
- ²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'
- 24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'
- ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.
- ²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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.

With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

The Prayers of Intercession

The Archbishops have called on the churches, challenging us to PRAY and to SERVE.

God has promised to hear when we pray in the name of Jesus.

And so we pray:

Let us pray for the Church of Christ for Christopher and Jonathan our bishops, for All Saints Church and all the churches in Sanderstead.

Give us wisdom at this difficult time. Give us patience as we have to live so differently. Give us joy as we trust you, O Lord.

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

Let us pray for the nations of the world and our own nation For Elizabeth our Queen,

for our Government and all in authority.

for the poorest nations of the world, badly hit by the Coronavirus, for medical workers and research scientists as they seek to defeat the virus.

Give us your help, O God.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord have mercy

Let us pray for the community of Sanderstead For schools, and all children and staff for shops and businesses for our neighbours and friends

Give us your love and compassion, O God.

Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy

Let us pray for the earth which God has given to us and for courage to face the climate crisis

O God, we need to change. We need our political leaders to take the right decisions. We all need to play our part.

Give us humility, O God.

Let us pray to the Lord Lord have mercy

In a moment of quiet, let us remember before God those who are ill or bereaved or downhearted. Let us mention them by name.

[Silence]

Lord, we all need your healing.

O God, hear our prayers

Accept us and be with us always.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

Blessed are those who make peace: they shall be called sons and daughters of God.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The table is prepared.

Hymn: O Jesus I have promised

O JESUS I HAVE PROMISED to serve Thee to the end. Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend. I shall not fear the battle, if Thou art by my side, Nor wander from the pathway, if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; But Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking, in accents clear and still. Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control. O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised, to all who follow Thee. That where Thou art in glory, there shall Thy servant be. And Jesus, I have promised, to serve Thee to the end. O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks, and in them plant mine own. My hope to follow duly, is in Thy strength alone. O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end And then in heaven receive me My Saviour and my Friend! And then in heaven receive me My Saviour and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

The following may be said:

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word and the table of your sacrament. As we feed on you, the bread of life, may we daily grow into your likeness.

Amen

Additional Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You sent your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing: 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.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died. Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For all honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Let us pray 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table. Draw near with faith.

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 Holy Communion is distributed.

Time of Quiet

Prayers after Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope. Bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Hymn: CELEBRATE, sung by Sam and Jo Greenfield

THERE'S A SONG THAT'S RISING UP INSIDE

It's the overflow of praise Your joy has filled this heart again No, I am not the same You have turned sorrow into praise

We celebrate
You've put dancing in our hearts
We celebrate
For all You've done and who You are
We lift Your name
High above all other names
You are Lord of heaven and earth

For the battle has already been won Even death You overcame We crown You King of glory now You reign victoriously We declare Your majesty

We celebrate You've put dancing in our hearts We celebrate For all You've done and who You are.

Benjamin Cantelon

Prayer of God's 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.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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NOTICES

All Saints' Church OPEN for Individual Prayer as follows:

Sunday 15th and 22nd Nov: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Thursday 19th Nov: 10.30am - 11.30am (not 12.30pm this week)

The Funeral of Norman Caskey will be held in All Saints' Church on Wednesday 18th Nov at 12 Noon. The service will be live streamed for those who wish to join. Please contact Rosanne in the Parish Office for the link.

ADVENTure - Help Wanted: Chris Newman would like one or two helpers to put up the ADVENTure banner (basic DIY skills) on Friday 27th Nov starting at 10.00 am. Social distancing will be observed. Please let either Chris Newman or Mike Fixter know if you are able to offer a couple of hours.