Sanderstead Parish

All Saints' Church

Sunday 22nd November 2020



Call to Pray and Serve

A warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ, King of Kings, Lord of Lords. Today the Christian year reaches its climax as we celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ as King and Lord over all creation. In a time of great challenge for the Church, this feast invites us to meditate on our true source of hope, so that our response can be both confident and faithful — whatever the weeks and months ahead may hold.

Our post communion prayer today reminds us that it is 'Stir Up Sunday' a Sunday synonymous with Christmas puddings. The great cry 'stir up' was a reminder for congregations to get the Christmas pudding made in plenty of time to mature before Christmas.

Even though we are separated physically at this time, we still belong together as the Lord's people. We are united by his Spirit, as we worship and pray now.

You may wish to light a <u>candle</u>, and if you would like to share in Communion, prepare a table with <u>bread and wine</u>.

Hymn: Let all the world in every corner sing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfXldoDnvq4

LET ALL THE WORLD IN EV'RY CORNER SING,

my God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1633)

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

And also with you.

We worship with Christians near and far, Living and departed, Old and young, to celebrate the guiding light of Christ, the warmth of God's love, and our unity in the Holy Spirit.

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

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, 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 special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Ephesians 1:15-end

Thanksgiving and prayer

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

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

- ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'
- ³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'
- ³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'
- ³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'
- ³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon by Revd Canon Martin Greenfield

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe.

Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession



The priest greets the people in peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

The table is prepared.

Song: The King of Love my Shepherd is

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcCwUF0s_-Y

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS,

whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living waters flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

[cont.]

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction, grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest. Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You give us your love, even when things go wrong.

Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your 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.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Amen.

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

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world. God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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.

Time of Quiet

Prayer after Communion

Stir up O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded, 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

Closing Hymn: Christ Triumphant

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPXSILECWm0

CHRIST TRIUMPHANT, EVER REIGNING,

Saviour, Master, King! Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining, hear us as we sing: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated, victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated, sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Priestly King, enthroned for ever high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

So, our hearts and voices raising through the ages long, ceaselessly upon you gazing, this shall be our song: Yours the glory and the crown, the high renown, the eternal name.

Michael Saward (b.1932)

Prayer of God's Blessing

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, 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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