



JOHN KEBLE CHURCH

Welcome to John Keble Church

21 February 2021, 10am

Parish Eucharist, 1st Sunday of Lent

As the bell rings during the few minutes before the start of the service please sit and take a moment of peace and quiet to prepare yourself for the Eucharist.

We are grateful to St Martin-in the Fields, and the St Martin's Singers, working with the Church of England and the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), who have provided the music for use in our streamed services. Please do not join in with any singing.

FIRST HYMN:

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

² The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

³ And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

⁴ Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Remain standing for THE GREETING:

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

THE RITE OF PENITENCE:

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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.

THE ABSOLUTION:

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. *All: Amen.*

THE COLLECT:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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. *All: Amen*

All sit to read alternate verses of PSALM 25: 1-9

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long.

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8 He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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

All stand to greet THE GOSPEL

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Reader: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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THE SERMON – all sit.

All stand to say 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Presider: In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

All sit or kneel for the INTERCESSIONS:

For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, especially Bishop Sarah and Bishop Rob, and our own congregation here at John Keble Church. May we live by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

We pray to you, O Lord: **hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, especially the government of the United Kingdom, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth.

We pray to you, O Lord: **hear our prayer.**

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

We pray to you, O Lord: **hear our prayer.**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, especially for those on our church prayer list...

We pray to you, O Lord: **hear our prayer.**

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face.

We pray to you, O Lord: **hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God...

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

*Following the intercessions all **stand** for THE PEACE:*

Presider: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Following THE PEACE, the bell is tolled three times to indicate the offering of our hearts to God.

*All **sit or kneel** for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER:*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues:

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

All: **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.

The Presider continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Minister: Christ is the bread of life:

All: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The Presider continues:

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The bell tolls three times to indicate that the bread and wine have been consecrated for the whole community.

THE LORD'S PRAYER and THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Uniting our prayers with those of the Church Universal, we say in our own language the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Through Lent we use THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN:

From ashes to the living font
your Church must journey, Lord,
baptised in grace, in grace renewed
by your most holy word.

² Through fasting, prayer and charity
your voice speaks deep within,
returning us to ways of truth
and turning us from sin.

³ From desert to the mountaintop
in Christ our way we see,
so tempered by temptation's might
we might transfigured be.

⁴ For thirsting hearts let waters flow
our fainting souls revive;
and at the well your waters give
our everlasting life.

⁵ From ashes to the living font
your church must journey still:
through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
in Spirit-fire fulfilled.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERS:

Let us pray *Silence is kept*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: 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.

THE BLESSING:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *All: Amen.*

A Minister says THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

FINAL HYMN:

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

² Sunbeams scorching all the day,
chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
prowling beasts about thy way,
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3 Let us thine endurance share
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain.

4 And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

5 So shall we have peace divine,
holier gladness ours shall be,
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

5 Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side,
that will thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

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