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*10am on 7th March 2021  
3rd Sunday of Lent*

## THE GATHERING

*Welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist, we begin with a hymn:*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon my breast.  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.**

*Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)*

### The Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
*All* **Amen.**

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

*The president welcomes everyone informally.*

### Prayer of Preparation

**All 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.

**All Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

*We are invited to confess our sins.*

Come to the waters all who thirst, and seek the Lord. Confess your sins in trust and honesty, and know that he will abundantly pardon.

**All Father eternal, give of light and grace  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. 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.

*All* **Amen**

### The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then we pray the Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent.*

Let us pray for God's guidance as we continue our Lenten journey.

*Silence is kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.**

<b>THE LITURGY OF THE WORD</b>
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*We sit for the first reading, Exodus 20:1-17*

Then God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup> you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup> You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup> You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>For six days you shall labour and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup> Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

<sup>17</sup> You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know

God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

This is the Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*We sing our Gradual hymn*

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive',  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs, and will not let  
old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how small the debts men owe to us,  
how great our debt to you.**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease.  
Then, reconciled to god and man  
our lives will spread your peace.**

*Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987)  
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## We welcome the Gospel

### *Gospel Reading*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ.**

*The Sermon, the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All*     **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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified,**

**who 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*One of these responses may be used, if an alternative is to be used this will be announced*

Lord in your mercy                      or              Lord hear us  
*All*    **Hear our prayer**                                      **Lord, graciously hear us**

*The Intercessions may end as follows*

Merciful Father

*All*    **Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

<b>THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT</b>
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### *The Peace*

*We stand and the President introduces the peace*

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

## Preparation of the Table

*Bread and wine are placed on the altar as we sing our offertory hymn*

**Jesu, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the gathering waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah, leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.**

**Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The President offers this prayer for the preparation of the Altar.*

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer (C)*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you and of willing service to our neighbour. As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts.

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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus  
*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through 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.

*All* **Amen.**

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people, and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence among us.*

*After a moment's silence, we pray The Lord's Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour taught us  
*All* **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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.  
*All* **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

*All* **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.**

### Giving of Communion

*The president invites the people to receive communion.*

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
*All* **Lord I am not worthy to receive you  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*We make our spiritual communion as we listen to this hymn:*

**O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame;  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

**Return, o holy dove, return  
sweet messenger of rest,  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn  
and drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from thy throne,  
and worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.**

*William Cowper (1731-1800)*

### Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Announcements are made.*

<b>SENDING</b>
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*We sing our final hymn*

**O for a heart to praise my God,  
a heart from sin set free;  
a heart that always feels thy blood,  
so freely spilt for me.**

**A heart resigned, submissive, meek,  
my dear Redeemer's throne;  
where only Christ is heard to speak,  
where Jesus reigns alone.**

**A humble, lowly, contrite heart,  
believing, true, and clean,  
which neither life nor death can part  
from him that dwells within.**

**A heart in every thought renewed,  
and full of love divine;  
perfect and right and pure and good -  
a copy, Lord, of thine.**

**My heart, thou know'st, can never rest  
till thou create my peace;  
till of mine eden repossess,  
from self and sin I cease.**

**Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart,  
come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart,  
thy new best name of love.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

### 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**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

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