



The Parish Church of St John the Baptist West Byfleet

The Sunday next before Lent Family Eucharist



Sunday 14th February

Introduction and welcome

Revd Keith Elford, Priest-in-charge at St John's, introduces our online Family Communion service for The Sunday next before Lent

The Greeting

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

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

Tis good Lord to be here

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

Words: J Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)
Tune: Carlisle (Charles Lockhart (1745-1815))

Prayer of Preparation

**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

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.

Silence for reflection.

**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.

Prayer for today

The Collect for The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 9.2-9 (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A Reflection for today

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following responsive forms are used:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with your love

Let us shine with your light in the world.

The Peace

The peace of the be always with you

And also with you

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 send 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 say:

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A prayer to replace Communion

**Jesus, I love you beyond all things,
how I long to receive you with my brothers and sisters
at the table you have prepared,
since I cannot at this moment receive you in bread and wine
in this holy sacrament,**

**I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit
and nourish me with your holy presence,
I unite myself wholly to you;
never permit me to be separated from your love.
Amen.**

As we contemplate Christ's sacrifice for us, we listen to *Jesus shall take the highest honour:*

*Jesus shall take the highest honour,
Jesus shall take the highest praise;
let all earth join heaven in exalting
the Name which is above all other names.*

*Let's bow the knee in humble adoration
for at his name every knee must bow.
Let every tongue confess he is Christ, God's only Son,
Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now*

*For all honour and blessing and power
belongs to you, belongs to you.*

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belongs to you, belongs to you,
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.*

Words & music: Chris Bowater (b1947)

Post Communion prayer

God our Father
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life;
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and the source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn

Lord, the light of your love is shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
set us free by the truth you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine;

fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze

set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow

flood the nations with grace and mercy;

send forth your word

Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me:

Shine, Jesus, shine

Words: Graham Kendrick (b1950)

Music: Graham Kendrick, arr William Llewellyn (b1925)

Blessing and Dismissal

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.

The organ voluntary is *Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, shine* by Christopher Tambling (b1964).

Coming up soon online....

Next Sunday, 21st February, please join us for a Communion service for The First Sunday of Lent.

This week brings us into the season of Lent, so do look out for Keith's midweek 'Thought & prayer for the day' on Ash Wednesday - available on Facebook and YouTube

Contributing to the work of St John's...

Will you support St John's at this difficult time? Like all charities, we've been badly affected by the pandemic, and although we've cut costs where possible, we need to substantially increase our income during this year. Your support enables us to continue our regular online worship, pastoral support, and Christian mission in the community (including connecting through weekly Facebook videos with young families). Online donations can be made via our website homepage (click on 'Give now'). For those receiving the service by CD, alternative means of donating include sending a cheque to the Parish Office, St John's Church, Camphill Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6EH. Any donations received will be really welcome - thank you.