



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



Parish Mass

The Second Sunday before Lent

7th February 2021 10am

Fr Myles Owen presides at Mass this morning

The Gathering

*We **STAND** as the Organ plays and the ministers enter*

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

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

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 president says 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. **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 Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

Read by Rachel Rae

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Proverbs 8, 1.22-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please **REMAIN SEATED** to for the psalm



1 Praise the Lord | O my soul,
O Lord God, your glo- | ry is great:
How manifold | are your works,
In wisdom you have | made them all. **R**

2 All creatures | look to you,
To give them their | food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are | filled with good,
When you hide your face, they | pine away. **R**

3 When you take away their | breath, they die,
And return to the earth | whence they came:
When you send forth your spirit, all things | spring to life,
And the face of the earth | is renewed. **R**

4 The glory of the Lord shall | never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in | all his works:
I will sing to the Lord as long | as I live,
I will praise my God while my | breath remains. **R**

Psalm 104 vv. 26-end.

Read by Nicholas Bucknall

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1.15–20

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

*We **STAND** to welcome the Gospel.*

We turn to face the Book of the Gospels, as Christ speaks to his people.



Al-le-lu-ia, ★ al - le-lu-ia, — al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, **Alleluia** God has spoken to us through **his** Son, through whom he **cre-ä**-ted the ~worlds. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1. 1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sarita Brown Smedley

Reader in training

*We **SIT**. The sermon may be followed by a short period of reflection.*

We STAND.

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

**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

The president introduces the prayers

Led by Sara Spillet

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.

We **KNEEL** or **SIT** to pray. The following response is used

God of life:

hear our prayer.

At the end

Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We **STAND**. *The president introduces the Peace*

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine



**Thou whose almighty word
Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray
Let there be light.**

**Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move o'er the waters' face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light.**

**Blessèd and holy Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide
Let there be light.**

John Marriott 1780-1825

Moscow

Adapted from a tune by F Giardini 1816-96

In Madan's *Collection* 1796

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his church.**

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth,
and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word,
who laid down his life for our salvation
and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit

to give life to our mortal bodies
and to renew the face of the earth.
Therefore with all the heavenly hosts,
we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

We say the Sanctus and Benedictus

**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.**

*You are encouraged to **REMAIN STANDING**, or you may kneel or sit.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Our Lady Mary, John the Evangelist, and all the
saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

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 consecrated bread and wine are shown to the congregation

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is distributed following these words

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

*We **STAND**. The president invites us to pray and then sings*

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
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.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says

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

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The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary . . .

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary . . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop;
Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Those stabbed in Croydon on Friday, Di Tudway, David Fuest,
Helen Nutting, Dave Hines, Fintan Crotty, Graham Spalding, Sabir,
Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat Parker, James Delaney,
Nathan Tulip, Christopher Love, David Maitland, Simon Gabe,
Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper,
Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou,
Alan Driedger, June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh
Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Tom Moore, Edna Fuller, Ivy Sheen, Manuel Noel, Tyrell Shy.
Victim of the Stabbings in Croydon

**Past priests, benefactors, friends,
and all whose year's mind occurs this week**

Cyril Payne, Thomas Sutton, Ethel Taylor, Stevie Bucknall, Barbara Harris, Florence Morton, Janice Walter, Carolyn de Lyant Bodle *Benefactor*, Edward Caley, Rosetta Lane, Gladys Diver, Catherine Pretty, Pamela Paul, Maria Nash, Winnie Foale, Lilian Hayes, Alice Mills, Ivan Madge, Richard Osmond

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Notices

Bereavement Group: resumes its online meetings

Saturdays 6th, 13th, 21st 27th March and 3rd April

2pm – 3.30pm.

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th February

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday 9th

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Wednesday 10th

10am Low Mass (*also on Zoom*)

Saturday 13th

10am Mass (also on Zoom)

Next Sunday, 14th February
Sunday next before Lent

9.15am Morning Prayer
10am High Mass
5pm Evening Prayer

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Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit
Luke 24:13-35

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