

The Benefice of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

Sunday Worship by Zoom 14th February 2021 Sunday Next Before Lent

Welcome

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Hymn

O God beyond all praising

A candle is lit

We light this candle to remind us that the love of God
is like a light in our darkness.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for this Church family and for bringing us together today.

Blessed be God for ever.

We praise you, our God,
for all those who have been part of our life and faith journey; for the love given and the sacrifices made.

Blessed be God for ever.

Confession

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Silence is kept

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us:
save us and help us.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

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,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

New Revised Standard Version

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

New Revised Standard Version

Evangelist Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus,

Peter Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

Evangelist He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

God This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!

Evangelist Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

The Address

Affirmation of Faith

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;

**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.

**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;

**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.

**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

Music for Reflection

Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord,
our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
for the love that surrounds us and that which we can give.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his dying rising and for the gift of your Spirit.**

**May we know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Responses

In our darkness

we come to you for light.

With our challenges

we come to you for hope.

At times when we feel weak

make us strong.

In the week that lies ahead

Show us the way to live.

Final Prayer

Father of lights,

from whom comes every good and perfect gift:

keep us in the light of Christ,

to shine in your world,

that all may believe in you,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn: Christ whose glory fills the skies

The Blessing

Dazzling: a poem by Jan Richardson

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.