

THE DEANERY OF RADNOR & BUILTH

Holy Communion with Ashing. 1st Sunday of Lent 21st Feb.

Leader Rev Mark Beaton. Celebrant Rev Petra Goodband.

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

Grace and peace be with you. **And keep you in the love of Christ.**

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.**

Hymn led by Adeline Jennings 'Breathe on me, breath of God'

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I have one will
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch 1835-89.

Heavenly Father, all hearts are open to you. No secrets are hidden from you. Purify us with the fire of your Holy Spirit that we may love and worship you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess our sins saying:-

Heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and have failed to do what we ought to have done.

We are sorry and truly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past and lead us in his way to walk as children of light.

Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Old Testament reading is Genesis chapter 9 verses 8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25 verses 1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

teach me your paths.

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

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

The New Testament reading is the First Letter of Peter chapter 3 verses 18-22

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel reading is Mark chapter 1 verses 9-15

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to St Mark. **Glory to you O Lord.**

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels a

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Rev Petra Goodband

The Creed taken from the Iona Community

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.
We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died alone and forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,
and his kingdom will come on earth.
We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with
Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen**

The Intercessions led by Lay Minister Gina Ayling

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

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

The Peace

Jesus says, Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Hymn led by Jess Squire For The Beauty of the Earth

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.**

Refrain

**For each perfect gift of thine,
to the world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven.**

Refrain

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpoint 1835-1917.

Prayer

God of Love, as we begin our annual journey to Jerusalem, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Help us to use this journey to deepen our faith, develop our gifts and begin to store up treasures in heaven.

This we ask in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Imposition of Ashes

Dear friends in Christ, I invite you to receive these ashes as a sign of the spirit of penitence with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father, you create us from the dust of the earth: grant that these ashes may be for us a sign of our penitence and a symbol of our mortality; for it is by your grace alone that we receive eternal life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

As I say the following words I encourage you make the sign of the cross on your own forehead or the forehead of the other person with you. In addition to that you can also make a sign of the cross on a piece of paper or card which you can then retain throughout Lent.

**Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. Amen.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.
Amen.

The Thanksgiving

As Rev Petra says the following words of introduction to the Eucharist, you are encouraged to raise the bread and then the wine which you have brought to the table.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer 4

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 our 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, holy Father, all-powerful and ever living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin, and by whose grace we are able to overcome our temptations.

And so with the hosts of angels and all the company of heaven
we proclaim the glory of your name and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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 praise and thanks to you, true and living God,
Creator of all things, Giver of life.

You formed us in your own image;

but we have marred that image and fall short of your glory.

We give you thanks that you sent your Son to share our life;

you gave him up to death that the world might be saved,

and you raised him from the dead that we might live in him and he in us.

Sanctify with your Spirit this bread and wine, your gifts to us,

that they may be for us the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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On the night he was betrayed, he took bread,
and when he had given 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 when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying,
Drink from this, all of you, for 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

As he has commanded us, Father, we remember Jesus Christ, your Son.
Proclaiming his victorious death, rejoicing in his resurrection
and waiting for him to come in glory we bring to you this bread, this cup.
Accept our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Restore and revive your people, renew us and all for whom we pray with your
grace and heavenly blessing,
and at the last receive us with all your saints into that unending joy promised by
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and
glory are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, we boldly pray:

**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.

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 we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**

The Communion

The bread is broken.

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

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

Come let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for us
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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

We share the bread

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

We share the wine

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: **his love is everlasting.**

Post-communion Prayer for Ash Wednesday

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.

**Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn led by Mark **Amazing Grace**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.**

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Words: verses 1-3 John Newton 1725-1807, verse 4 John Rees 1828-1900

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. **Amen**

Our Ashing and Eucharist is over, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

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