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**and St Nicholas, Wigginton**

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**Worship for Sunday 28th February 2021**

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| **The Second Sunday of Lent** |

**Service of Holy Communion**

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*Opening Music (on audio)*

*Prière No.2 in Eb                              Guilmant*

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn:**

**Thy hand, O God, has guided**

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned Thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness,  
“One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Thy heralds brought glad tidings,  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade them rise, and hasten  
to share the great King’s feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming,  
“One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation’s life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded,  
“One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem,  
“One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

*[Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821 – 1891) alt]*

*[Music: Basil Harwood (1859 – 1949)]*

**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.**

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**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.**

**The Summary of the Law**

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

**Prayers of Penitence**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours**

**as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy**

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**Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**. Amen.**

**Readings**

A reading from the book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.  And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.”  Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.  No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspringafter you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.

*(Genesis 17: 1 – 7; 15 – 16, NRSV)*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.  If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.  For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

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For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.”

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was alreadyas good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.  No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”  Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*(Romans 4: 13 – 25, NRSV)*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: Put thou thy trust in God**

Put thou thy trust in God,

in duty’s path go on;

walk in his strength with faith and hope,

so shall thy work be done.

Commit thy ways to him,

thy works into his hands,

and rest on his unchanging word,

who heav’n and earth commands.

Though years on years roll on,

his cov’nant shall endure;

though clouds and darkness hide his path,

the promised grace is sure.

Give to the winds thy fears;

hope, and be undismayed:

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;

God shall lift up thy head.

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Through waves and clouds and storms

his pow’r will clear thy way;

wait thou his time; the darkest night

shall end in brightest day.

Leave to his sov’reign sway

to choose and to command;

so shalt thou, wond’ring, own his way,

how wise, how strong his hand.

*Paul Gerhardt (1607 – 1676)*

*trans. John Wesley (1703 – 1791) and others*

**Gospel**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.  He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?  Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

*(Mark 8: 31 - 38, NRSV)*

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – The Ven Chris Hawthorn**

*The sermon is available as a separate document*

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**The Creed**

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.

**Intercessions**

*(Our intercessions this week have been prepared, and led on audio, by Alyson Christy)*

In our intercessions today,

After the phrase ‘Lord, we seek you and praise you’ please respond….: ‘**May we walk faithfully with you’**

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Let us come together into God’s presence and still our hearts in prayer, listening to God.

Almighty God,

As you called Abraham to walk faithfully before you, may we too, respond to your holy voice. Strengthen our trust in you with the grace to accept your promise and with gratitude for all you do for us.

Lord, we seek you and praise you - **may we walk faithfully with you**

Steadfast God,

Thank you for the generations who, proclaiming your love, have travelled before us. Strengthen the trust of all faith-community leaders, in this unsettling season. May your peace, bring them rest and reassurance. May the grace of your Holy Spirit enable them to reveal your glory in everything you put together for us.

Lord, we seek you and praise you - **may we walk faithfully with you**

All powerful God

Keeper of promises, the way is rocky but you are alongside us. We are sorry that we, like Abraham and Peter at the outset, are too often fickle in our relationships with you and with each other. Strengthen us and the leaders of our nations; guide our wisdom and understanding of you. May our ways of living and working strengthen trust in partnerships which bring equality in health, social and climate justice amongst all the people of all nations.

Lord, we seek you and praise you - **may we walk faithfully with you**

Healing God

We thank you for all our relationships with family and friends. In the good times and the rocky times, you give us strength and confidence as we, like Abraham, learn to stand firm in our faith. As we seek to follow the way of your Son, set our minds on you so we can trust your timing and ways when we hold before you all those who have asked for prayers, those on our intercessions lists, and those, known only to you, who are also in need.

Lord, we seek you and praise you - **may we walk faithfully with you**

Comforting God

When things get the better of us, and we forget about you, thank you for never giving up on us. In your wisdom and grace, you have given us joy through the lives of those we no longer see here

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on earth. We hold before you, for your safe keeping, all those who have died in recent weeks; strengthen all those who mourn and, in all their sorrows, grant them your peace.

Lord, we seek you and praise you - **may we walk faithfully with you**

Ever living God

to you be the glory, today and forever.

Merciful Father**,**

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

**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

**And also with you**

**Hymn: Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult**

Jesus calls us: o’er the tumult

of our life’s, wild, restless sea;

day by day his sweet voice soundeth,

saying, ‘Christian, follow me.’

As of old Saint Andrew heard it

by the Galilean lake,

turned from home and toil and kindred,

leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship

of the vain world’s golden store,

from each idol that would keep us,

saying, ‘Christian, love me more.’

In our joys and in our sorrows,

days of toil and hours of ease,

still he calls, in cares and pleasures,

that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,

Saviour, make us hear thy call,

give our hearts to thine obedience,

serve and love thee best of all.

*(Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818 – 1895)*

**Preparation of the Table**

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

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**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 him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting

Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all

holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

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And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of St. Mary, St Nicholas, [*N and*] all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to 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.

The Celebrant 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.

**Agnus Dei**

**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.**

**Giving of Communion**

The Celebrant says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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*As quiet music is played you may like to say these words:*

**Spiritual Communion**

We look forward to the time when we can meet together and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

**In union, blessed Jesus, when we are able to gather together to share in the breaking of bread and the prayers, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death and**

**resurrection, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.**

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

Concluding Collects

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.**

**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. **Amen.**

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**Hymn: All my hope on God is founded**

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness ay endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore,  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

*Paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Concluding Music (on audio)*

*Ricercar del Sesto Tuono               Bertoldo*