The Priory Church
Christchurch

Sung Eucharist
for the
Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20th March 2022
Welcome to this Eucharist on the Third Sunday of Lent.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Ukraine, either through the retiring collections over the past fortnight or directly online. May our gifts bring help and hope to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in desperate need.

This service is being live streamed. Please ensure that all mobile ‘phones are switched off. Photography, sound and video recordings are not permitted at our services.

Current guidance from Government and from the Church of England includes the following:

- The CofE document notes that ‘In every situation there is likely to be a range of feeling about risk, both to ourselves and to others, that will need to be accommodated by our churches in a way appropriate to each of them.’ This we will continue to try to do.

- Advice from both the Government and Church of England is to continue to wear a face covering indoors or in crowded places (except for those who are exempt), especially where we are meeting people whom we do not normally encounter.

- Church of England guidance notes that “some activities can also increase the risk of catching or passing on coronavirus. This happens where people are doing activities which generate more particles as they breathe heavily, such as singing or raising our voices.”

- The guidance also encourages us to have ‘Zoning’ spaces if your building is big enough, to allow those who wish to continue to socially distance to do so.’ Accordingly, those of you who wish to continue to sit in a pod, with screens in place, should please sit in the South side of the Nave.

Voluntary: ‘Lied’ (24 pieces in free style) Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?

Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.

Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) Tune: Praise, My Soul, John Goss (1800-80)

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.
The Revd Richard Partridge, presiding, welcomes the congregation.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All 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.

Please remain standing. The Chamber Choir sings

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Music: Hans Leo Hassler, (1650-1724), Missa super Dixit Maria

THE COLLECT

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.
Ho, everyone who thirsts,
   come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
   come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
   without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
   and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
   and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
   listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
   my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
   a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
   and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
   for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
   call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
   and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
   and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
   nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
   so are my ways higher than your ways
   and my thoughts than your thoughts.
After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

THE SECOND READING   1 Corinthians 10.1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, ‘The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.’ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

After the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand
GRADUAL HYMN

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth;
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
By thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
Succour to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee!

Words: H. W. Baker (1821-77)

Tune: Ravenshaw,
Harm. W. H. Monk (1823-89)

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13. 1–9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen
to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him
about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their
sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these
Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all
other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will
all perish as they did.
Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Mr Will Howard

Please stand

THE CREED

All 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.

Please sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

President In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

After the final petition

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
Hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods before me.

All  
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honour your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts.

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 transgressions in penitence and faith.
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
**Amen.**

Please stand

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

THE PEACE

President 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.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing
OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary’s Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
   Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day,
Teach us how to pray,
   Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
   Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary’s Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see,
   You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
   Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
   Living Lord.

Words and Melody: Patrick Appleford (b.1924)  Tune: Living Lord,
   arr. by John Birch (1929-2012)
PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

President  God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President  The Lord be with you
All  and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All  We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All  It is right to give 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:
The Chamber Choir sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, 
Dominus Deus Sabaoth, 
pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

Music: Hassler, Missa super ‘Dixit Maria’

President

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
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.
Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord,

All

Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.

Please sit
THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

All

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All

Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Communicant members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive
Communion at this service.

Please wait in your seat until directed by one of the sidesmen. Thank you.

During Communion, the Chamber Choir sings Agnus Dei from ‘Missa super
Dixit Maria’ by Hassler. For the motet, the Choir sings ‘Ave verum corpus’,
music by William Byrd (1543-1623).
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

President  Mercyful Lord, 
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations 
of the world, the flesh and the devil, 
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All  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

HYMN

I come with joy, a child of God, 
Forgiven, loved and free, 
The life of Jesus to recall, 
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near 
To find, as all are fed, 
The new community of love 
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, 
Each proud division ends. 
The love that made us, makes us one, 
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, 
Unseen, but ever near, 
Is in such friendship better known, 
Alive among us here.
Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We’ll go with joy, to give the world,
The love that makes us one.

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936) 
Tune: St Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

Please remain standing

THE BLESSING

President  The Lord be with you,
All  and also with you.

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.

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

Voluntary: Sonata no.13, 1st movement  Josef Rheinberger

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