



# St EDWARD

## KING & MARTYR

21 March 2021 / Fifth Sunday in Lent

### **Welcome to St. Edward's!**

*We hope you are blessed by your time with us and we look forward to seeing you again. There is an Induction Loop in the Nave for those using a hearing aid and wheelchair access available at the West door. The toilet is available in the vestry, with an additional parent and child area for those with infants and toddlers if needed. Children are always welcome in service and will find books and activities in the back of the church.*

**Hymn 230** – O For A Heart To Praise My God (*We stand to sing*)

## **Welcome & Greeting**

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

*(We have a moment of silence)*

## **Preparation** (*Please sit or kneel*)

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11.28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (*John 3.16*)

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

Hear what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins (*1 John 2.1, 2*)

## **Confession**

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

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

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

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within

me. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## **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.**

## **The Collect**

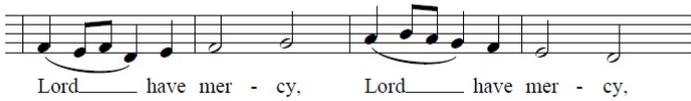
**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

## **New Testament Lesson** (Hebrews 5.5-10)

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; 6 as he says also in another place 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

David Thome



**From Psalm 119** *(Please remain seated as the psalm is sung)*

- 9 How shall young people cleanse their way  
to keep themselves according to your word?
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought you;  
O let me not go astray from your commandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden within my heart,  
that I should not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O Lord;  
O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I been telling  
of all the judgements of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments  
and contemplate your ways.
- 16 My delight shall be in your statutes  
and I will not forget your word.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was  
in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Gospel** *(We stand as we welcome the Gospel)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

(12:20-33) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 27 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' 29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' 30 Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. 31 Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. 32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' 33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**Sermon** 'After the Order of Melchizedek' -Matthias Grebe

**Affirmation of Faith** (*We stand to declare our faith together*)

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death,**

even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and has given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** *(Please sit or kneel for our intercessions)*

*(Intercessor says)* Lord, in your mercy

*(We respond)* **Hear our prayer.**

*(at the end we pray together)* **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Peace** *(We stand to share 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 (Rom. 5.1, 2). The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

**Hymn 68-** O Sacred Head, Surrounded

*(During the hymn the collection will be taken)*

**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 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 forever 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.**

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.

Christ is the bread of life.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death,**

## **Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

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 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** *(Please sit or kneel)*

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

**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 forever. Amen.**

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.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

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.

**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 our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*(All who regularly receive communion in their church are welcome to receive here. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, with their hands downwards on the altar rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please raise one finger at the altar rail.)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn 261**- Once, Only Once, And Once For All *(We stand to sing)*

### **Notices**

### **Blessing**

May 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.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Notices

### **Upcoming Services:**

Friday 26 March - 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

### **Holy Week Services (28 March - 4 April):**

Sunday: 11am Holy Communion

Monday: 12.30 Holy Communion

Tuesday: 12.30 Holy Communion

Wednesday: 12.30 Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: 17.30 Holy Communion + foot washing

Good Friday: 12-14.00 Meditations followed by Holy Communion from 14.00-15.00

Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service 6.15am (gather at church entrance) + 11am Holy Communion

**Lenten Home/Zoom Groups:** At St. Edward's, as in previous years, we will mark it with a Lenten reading group. This year, we have chosen Rowan Williams' book *Candles in the Dark: Faith, Hope and Love in a time of pandemic* (<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark>). This year groups will be meeting via Zoom. If you would like to join a group, please contact Matthias Grebe ([mg471@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mg471@cam.ac.uk)).

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