**The Parish Church of**

**St Mary the Virgin, Great Shelford**

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## **PARISH COMMUNION**

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**Second Sunday Before Lent**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**23rd February 2025**

**10am**

**WELCOME TO ST MARY’S**

We are very pleased you are joining us today.

Instructions to stand, sit or kneel during the service can be followed in body or heart.

If you would like to know anything about the service, or you have any special requirements such as needing Gluten Free Wafers, then please talk to one of the clergy or Sidespersons.

Please be assured that the Gluten Free wafers are both Coeliac approved and accepted by the Church of England as suitable for the Sacrament. Indicate at the altar that you need this.

If you need to have a wafer which already has wine included, then indicate at the altar rail.

If you would like a clergy visit, during the week, please let us know.

**THE GATHERING**

#### Please stand to sing

**THE OPENING HYMN 146**

1. **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!**

1. **Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,**

**Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;**

**Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,**

**Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

1. **Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,**

**Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,**

**Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee**

**Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

1. **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessèd Trinity!**

*Add Reginald Heber - Tune Nicea (J.B.Dykes)*

**THE GREETING**

#### The president says

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

*The president greets the people*

## Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

##### **THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE For Stuart Edward Whitworth Woodhead And Helen Marjorie Wells**

##### **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.**

#### **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate

the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,

let us call to mind and confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

we have sinned against you,

through our own fault,

in thought, and word, and deed,

and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake,

forgive us all that is past;

and grant that we may serve you

in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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.

**All Amen.**

#### We stand and pray together as the children prepare to leave for their activities in the Community Room:

**All Creator God, we thank you for giving us Jesus as our Saviour: he blessed the children who came to him, and welcomes those who come to him now. Look with love upon these children and protect them with your care.**

**May they grow in wisdom, age and strength in your presence and in the sight of all. We ask this through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### We remain standing to sing

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

**Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, Heav’nly King, Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

have mercyon us:

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest**.

David Thorne

**THE COLLECT**

*The president introduces a period of silence with the words,*

Having been reconciled to God,

let us pray that our hearts may be open

and receptive to hear his word to us.

**All Almighty God,**

**you have created the heavens and the earth**

**and made us in your own image:**

**teach us to discern your hand in all your works**

**and your likeness in all your children;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever, Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please sit for the first reading*

**FIRST READING : Genesis 2.4b–9, 15–end**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’   
Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord

### **All Thanks be to God**

**SECOND READING: Revelation 4**

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’   
And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.’

#### At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God**

*Short silence*

#### Please stand to sing

**THE GRADUAL HYMN 354**

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,  
   Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,  
   Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
   Its own appointed limits keep;  
   O hear us when we cry to thee  
   For those in peril on the sea.**
2. **O Saviour, whose almighty word  
   The winds and waves submissive heard,  
   Who walkedst upon the foaming deep,  
   And calm amid the rage didst sleep:  
   O hear us when we cry to thee  
   For those in peril on the sea.**
3. **O sacred Spirit, who didst brood  
   Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
   And bad'st its angry tumult cease,  
   And gavest light and life and peace:  
   O hear us when we cry to thee  
   For those in peril on the sea.**
4. **O Trinity of love and power,  
   Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
   From rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
   Protect them whereso'er they go:  
   And ever let there rise to thee  
   Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

*William Whiting, Tune MELITA (J B Dykes)*

**GOSPEL READING: Luke 8.22–25**

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word

that comes from the mouth of God. *cf Matt 4:4*

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

## *At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

#### Short silence

**THE CREED**

Let us stand to affirm our faith.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please sit or kneel to pray. The president says:*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ

let us pray to the Father.

*At the end of each prayer*

Lord in your mercy

**All hear our prayer.**

#### At the end

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*The children return and join their families*

### **THE PEACE**

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**THE OFFERTORY HYMN** – **439: Praise to the Holiest in the height** *During the hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented*

1. **Praise to the Holiest in the height,**

**And in the depth be praise,**

**In all his words most wonderful,**

**Most sure in all his ways.**

1. **O loving wisdom of our God!**

**When all was sin and shame,**

**A second Adam to the fight**

**And to the rescue came.**

1. **O generous love! that he who smote**

**In Man for man the foe,**

**The double agony in Man**

**For man should undergo;**

1. **And in the garden secretly,**

**And on the cross on high,**

**Should teach his brethren and inspire**

**To suffer and to die.**

1. **Praise to the Holiest in the height,**

**And in the depth be praise,**

**In all his words most wonderful,**

**Most sure in all his ways.** *John Henry Newman 1801-90  Tune Gerontius*

### **PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Wise and gracious God,

you spread a table before us;

nourish your people with the word of life

and the bread of heaven.

**All Amen**.

### *Please remain standing for*

### **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

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.

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,

your living Word, through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness

to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;

as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,

he lived on earth and went about among us;

he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;

he put an end to death by dying for us;

and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;

so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus / Benedictus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.** *David Thorne*

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,

until you come in glory.

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 Mary

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.

### **All Amen.**

*A brief silence is kept*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

**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.**

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.

***AGNUS DEI***

**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.** *David Thorne*

### *If you are a member of a Christian Church you are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would like instead to receive a blessing bring this Service Book.*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN - 292: Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts**

1. **Jesu, thou joy of loving hearts,**

**Thou fount of life, thou light of men,**

**From the best bliss that earth imparts**

**We turn unfilled to thee again.**

1. **Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood,**

**Thou savest those that on thee call,**

**To them that seek thee thou art good,**

**To them that find thee, all in all.**

1. **We taste thee, O thou living bread,**

**And long to feast upon thee still;**

**We drink of thee, the fountain-head,**

**And thirst our souls from thee to fill.**

1. **Our restless spirits yearn for thee,**

**Where’er our changeful lot is cast,**

**Glad when thy gracious smile we see,**

**Blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

1. **O Jesu, ever with us stay,**

**Make all our moments calm and bright,**

**Chase the dark night of sin away,**

**Shed o’er the world thy holy light.**

*Latin, 12th century Tr Ray Palmer 1808-87. Tune Eisenach*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love,

that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**All 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.**

SUNDAY CLUB FEEDBACK

*We hear what the children did in Sunday Club. The notices are given*

**THE RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*Please stand to sing*

1. **Thou whose almighty word**

**Chaos and darkness heard,**

**And took their flight;**

**Hear us, we humbly pray,**

**And where the gospel-day**

**Sheds not its glorious ray**

**Let there be light.**

1. **Thou who didst come to bring**

**On thy redeeming wing**

**Healing and sight,**

**Health to the sick in mind,**

**Sight to the inly blind,**

**O now to all mankind**

**Let there be light.**

1. **Spirit of truth and love,**

**Life-giving holy Dove,**

**Speed forth thy flight;**

**Move o'er the waters' face,**

**Bearing the lamp of grace,**

**And in earth's darkest place**

**Let there be light.**

1. **Blessèd and holy Three,**

**Glorious Trinity,**

**Wisdom, Love, Might,**

**Boundless as ocean's tide**

**Rolling in fullest pride,**

**Through the world far and wide**

**Let there be light.**

*John Marriott. Tune MOSCOW*

THE DISMISSAL

**THE BLESSING**

Christ, who has nourished us with himself

the living bread,

make you one in praise and love,

and raise you up at the last day;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

***You are warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Community Room after this service.***

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