

# St Hilda's Ashford



## PARISH EUCHARIST

### LENT 1

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# THE GATHERING

## The Greeting

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

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## 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

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbor  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,**

**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.**

## **The Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading – Genesis 9: 8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant

that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading - 1 Peter 3 v 18 – end**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading – Mark 1 v 9 – 15**

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 Mark.

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*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**

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things  
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

*At the end*  
Merciful Father,  
*All* **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.

*All* The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*All* As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**  
Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine; she has  
set her table.

*All* **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*All* The Lord be with you  
**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.**

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.

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  
*saying:*

*All* **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:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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 Hilda 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross, and 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.**

### ***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.**

### **Agnus Dei**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

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

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

*All* **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living  
bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **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.**

## Notices

## Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
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 the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – No Service**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am**

The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later our  
Facebook page

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

### **THE SICK:**

James Bedford	Pat Kyle	Sandra Swain
Robb Clarke	Libby Mills	Rev. Peter Taylor
Rebecca Cohen	Raymond Nation	Chick Wilson
Ann Considine	June Prentice	Peter Wilson
Michael Dixon	John Radford	Jo Wood
Jackie Forsbrey	Elizabeth Savill-Burgess	Joey
Patsy Forsbrey	Delphine Scrivener	Erin
Peter Garner	Riley Shaw	George
Eileen Gilbert	Anne Shenton	Izzy
Jean Iddiols	Elsie Stone	
Jane Johnson	Roy Stone	

### **RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Carol Davies

### **THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK**

Ethel Mary Scott	Florence Peckham	Florence Davenport
Eileen Margaret Byne		

**Please pray for those affected by the Corona Virus**

## **NOTICES**

**The Parish Office is closed to visitors, we are still available by phone daily.**

### **Church Opening**

St Hilda's is closed for public worship services whilst we are in lockdown. The Sunday Eucharist can be viewed online.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage – 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

A new date for the pilgrimage has been set, there is an information sheet available at the rear of the Church which gives further details of the pilgrimage and how to book.

### **St Hilda's News**

Please do send reflections, stories and others to Denise at the Parish Office. It can be a short piece, but the more variety we have the more interesting for everybody. The deadline for the week is midday Tuesday. Due to illness, there has been no newsletter recently, however, we hope to have the next edition soon.

### **Sunday Tea & Chat (11.15am)**

The tea and chat zoom code will be available on Facebook from 9am on Sunday.

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