

**Second Sunday Before Lent  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Parish Eucharist  
A People's Eucharist - Greening**

**Processional Hymn**

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:**

## Introduction

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.**

*The congregation sits and the president introduces the theme of the service.*

## 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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*introduced by the Deacon*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved  
to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.*

## 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.**

## **Gloria**

*please stand*

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

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**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.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

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**

**First Reading      *Romans 8: 18-25***

## Gradual Hymn

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.**

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.**

**You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God;  
allelu, alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading      *Matthew 6: 25 - end***

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

*A sentence from scripture is sung and then we respond singing:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*please sit*

## **The Creed**

*please stand*

**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*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end:*

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

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

*please stand*

*The children return and gather at the Chancel steps. The president introduces the peace with a sentence followed by:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The children invite us to share a sign of peace:  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

## **Offertory Hymn**

*A collection plate will be passed around during this hymn. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby, or the QR code*



**Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.**

**Come almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*The president takes the bread and wine and says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. They will become for us the bread of life and cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## 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.**

**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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

*At the end of the prayer of consecration we all respond:*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*please sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

## Breaking of the 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

*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.*

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says an 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.

## **The Communion**

*If you would like to receive Communion you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not normally have communion but you would like a blessing, please come to the altar holding this service book as a sign. A sidesperson will show you when to come up.*

## **Anthem**

*please sit*

*My soul, there is a country - Parry*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*silence is kept.*

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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.**

## **The Notices and Banns of Marriage**

## **The Blessing**

*please stand*

...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## **Recessional Hymn**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest – to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

## **Dismissal**

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

## **Organ Voluntary**

*Basse de trompette (Suite du l'er ton) - Guilain*

**Please stay and join us for refreshments!**  
***Our service this evening is Taizé at 18.30***