



*The Benefice of Fordingbridge (with Godshill and Sandleheath)  
and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen*

# **HOLY COMMUNION**

**For the 2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10.00**  
**AVC On-Line**



*If you would like to share symbolically in the Last Supper, you might like to have a piece of bread and/or some wine by you.*



# THE GATHERING

## THE GREETING

*The President greets the people, saying:*

We meet in the name of God,  
+ Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**AMEN.**

*A Minister says:*

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

**In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and trust shall be your strength.**

OPENING HYMN: BETHOU MYVISION

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.
3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor all the world's praise:  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

When Abraham chuckled  
and Sarah laughed,  
**God promised them life.**

When Abraham wondered  
and Sarah hoped,  
**God promised them life.**

We tell the story  
of God's love and laughter.  
**We rejoice in the promises of God**

*(Eggs & Ashes, p. 78)*

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

*A Minister introduces the CONFESSION*

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.

*In silence we recollect our sins*

We have wounded your love:  
**God, forgive and heal us.**

We stumble in the darkness:  
**Light of the world, transfigure us.**

We forget that we are your home:  
**Spirit of God, dwell in us.**

*After a period of reflection*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

Lord our God,  
**in our sin we have avoided your call.**  
**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,**  
**like the dew that goes away early.**  
**Have mercy on us;**  
**deliver us from judgement;**  
**bind up our wounds and revive us;**  
**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**AMEN.**

*cf Hosea 6*

*The President gives the ABSOLUTION*

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**AMEN.**

(CW Alt, Lent 2)

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### PSALM 22:23-31

23. Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
24. For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
But when they cried to him he heard them.
25. From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.
26. The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
Those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live  
for ever.
27. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
And all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
28. For the kingdom is the Lord's  
And he rules over the nations.

29. How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,  
Or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?
30. He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;  
This shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.
31. They shall come and make known his salvation to a people yet  
unborn,  
Declaring that he the Lord has done it.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 17:1-7,15-16*

*At the end, the Reader says:*  
For the word of the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

TAKE UP THY CROSS

1. Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,  
If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake,  
And humbly follow after me.
2. Take up thy cross! Let not its weight  
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm:  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel:  
My Lord for thee the cross endured,  
To save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross then in his strength,  
And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home,  
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

5. Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bears the cross  
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

6. To thee, great Lord, the one in three,  
All praise for evermore ascend:  
O grant us in our home to see  
The heavenly life that knows no end.

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 8:31-38*

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel:*

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

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

Blessed are those who have endured temptation;  
they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

*James 1:12 (T&S: G2)*

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

*At the end, the Reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God  
**who brought life  
from chaos and darkness.**

**We believe in Jesus, his Son,  
who entered the darkness of the grave  
and who rose from death to new life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
who walks with us always,  
in darkness and in light.**

**We believe that we are called to share and proclaim  
the justice and loving kindness of God.  
AMEN.**

## THE PRAYERS

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayers may end with:*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong  
holy and immortal  
Have mercy on us.  
AMEN.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

*The President introduces the PEACE, and then says:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*



## THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### OFFERTORY HYMN: LOVE IS THE BOAT FOR THE JOURNEY

1. You are the way to heaven's yielding fold.  
You are the truth bringing freedom.  
You are the life burning deep within our hearts,  
for you are the boat for the journey.
2. You are the stream where flows the path of life,  
guiding the way for disciples.  
Though storms may arise you calm the fear inside,  
for you are the boat for the journey.
3. You are our God, the living, saving Word,  
You are the banquet of justice.  
You know our pain, you lift us from our shame,  
for you are the boat for the journey.
4. We'll sing this song of never-ending joy,  
filled with the truth of your Gospel.  
With faith, hope, and love, we claim your living Word,  
for you are the boat for the journey.

...Love is the boat for the journey.

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## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*The President takes the bread and wine.*

God of mercy and compassion  
**your Word calls us home to faith and love.**  
**Accept all we offer you this day;**  
**in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**  
**AMEN.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(AL, Lent)

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Lord God,

you fill us with longing for your presence,

yet require us to live with a sense of your absence;

open our ears to hear the echo of your praise,

and tune our voices to sing your song,

as with angels and archangels,

and people of faith on different paths, we sing

**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.**

Come to us now, Lord God,

as we remember Jesus, who,

on the night before he died,

took bread and wine, blessed them

and gave them to his friends, saying:

This is my body, this is my blood,

Eat and drink to remember me.

Lord God, you have drawn us together  
on the way of the cross,  
and illumined our path  
by the insights of others.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Come freshly to us loving God,  
with your disturbing power;  
And as we receive this gift  
Of the life of your Son,  
Give us the courage to stay with  
the discomfort of your call, and  
satisfy our longing to be  
in harmony with your will;

**Draw us to deeper commitment  
to each other and to you,  
that we may live to your glory  
and sing to your praise all our days.  
Amen.**

*We keep a period of silence at the end of the Prayer.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour has 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.**

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

Every time we eat this bread  
And drink this cup  
**We proclaim the Lord's death  
Until he comes.**

### ***THE GIVING OF COMMUNION***

*The President invites the people to receive COMMUNION:*

Spirit of God, come afresh on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine  
**That they may make us one body in Christ.**

Open our eyes  
**That we may recognise you walking with us;**

Open our ears and our minds  
**That we may hear your word;**

Open our hearts  
**That your love may flow through us  
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,  
and surprises us into understanding.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, broken for us all.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, shed for us all.

*If you have bread and/or wine, then share it with those present as a symbol of our participation in the Body and Blood of Jesus.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *of the Day* is said by the President, followed by:

God of our pilgrimage,  
**you have fed us with the bread of heaven.**  
**Refresh and sustain us**  
**as we go forward on our journey,**  
**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**AMEN.**

THE NOTICES

## **THE DISMISSAL**

Jesus calls us  
to leave the past.  
**Jesus calls us to hope.**

Jesus calls us  
to travel lightly.  
**Jesus calls us to faith.**

Jesus calls us  
to live fairly.  
**Jesus calls us to justice.**

Jesus calls us  
to risky living.  
**Jesus calls us to life**

## FINAL HYMN: ABOVE THE VOICES OF THE WORLD AROUND ME

1. Above the voices of the world around me,  
my hopes and dreams, my cares and loves and fears,  
the long-awaited call of Christ has found me,  
the voice of Jesus echoes in my ears:

'I gave my life to break the cords that bind you,  
I rose from death to set your spirit free;  
turn from your sins and put the past behind you,  
take up your cross and come and follow me.'

2. What can I offer him who calls me to him?  
Only the wastes of sin and self and shame;  
a mind confused, a heart that never knew him,  
a tongue unskilled at naming Jesus' Name.  
Yet at your call, and hungry for your blessing,  
drawn by that cross which moves a heart of stone,  
now Lord I come, my tale of sin confessing,  
and in repentance turn to you alone.

3. Lord, I believe; help now my unbelieving;  
I come in faith because your promise stands.  
Your word of pardon and of peace receiving,  
all that I am I place within your hands.  
Let me become what you shall choose to make me,  
freed from the guilt and burden of my sins.  
Jesus is mine, who never shall forsake me,  
and in his love my new-born life begins.

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*A Minister says:*

On our homes and on our families  
**The blessing of God**

In our coming and our going  
**The peace of God**

In our life and our believing  
**The love of God.**

At our end and new beginning  
**The arms of God to welcome us  
and bring us home.**

*The President says:*

Remember, you are beautiful in the sight of God;  
the mark of Christ is upon you:  
Walk free, and open your heart to life,  
for the Spirit goes with you into each new day.

And the Blessing...  
**AMEN.**

Go now, as light-bearers to a world in darkness,  
Go now, as hope-carriers to a world in despair;  
**We go in the name of Christ,  
in the love of God  
and in the power of the Spirit.  
AMEN.**

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which will take you straight there.*

