

**Sung Eucharist**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**23 February 2025**

A warm welcome to our services of Holy Communion. Revd Dr Robert Tobin is presiding and preaching at 8am and 10am. Revd Simon Winn, Vicar is presiding at 10am and we welcome Mandy Brinkhurst, Operations Coordinator at Greenwich Homeless Project, as preacher at 10am. Children’s Church is meeting in the Hall.

**READINGS**

Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

Psalm 65

Revelation 4

Luke 8: 22-25

**HYMNS**

95 Holy, holy, holy

157 Breathe on me, breath of God

343 Be Thou my vision

458 Forth in the peace of Christ we go

**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**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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**

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25**

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 65**

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*Te decet hymnus*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion : and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2 Thou that hearest the prayer : unto thee shall all flesh come.

3 My misdeeds prevail against me : O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee : he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation : thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

6 Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.

7 Who stilleth the raging of the sea : and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens : thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it : thou makest it very plenteous.

10 The river of God is full of water : thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof : thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

12 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness : and thy clouds drop fatness.

13 They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness : and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

14 The folds shall be full of sheep : the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing*.*

**New Testament Reading**

**Revelation 4**

A reading from the book of Revelation

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.’

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**Luke 8: 22-25**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to 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?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Communion Service in E* - Darke**

**Psalm 65**

You can find the words on page 3.

**Anthem**

***Let all the world in every corner sing* – Vaughan Williams**

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly, the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

*Words George Herbert (1593-1633)*

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Communion Service in E* - Darke**

***Set me as a seal* Walton**

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. *The Song of Solomon 8: 6-7*

**Organ voluntary**

***Fugen No.1,* Op. 60 - Schumann**

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Sue Balmer, Fran Barlow, Mark Bromage, Ian Clark, Gaie Delap, Helen Delap, the Gethin family, Hessie Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, Peter Kinnison, Richard Poole, David Skingley, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Anne and Noel Timmons, Charlie Todd, Richard Winn, Jan Woolley and Pauline Youll.

We remember all who have died recently including Barbara Henley and Geoff Kinder. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** **dmcevoy@btinternet.com**

**Choral Evensong this evening**

Please join us for Choral Evensong this evening at 6.30pm. Led by Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, with music by Radcliffe, Mendelssohn and Howells.

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 23 February Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Monday 24 February**

8.30am Morning Prayer

1.00pm Funeral of Barbara Henley

**Tuesday 25 February**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 26 February**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 27 February**

8.00amHoly Communion

**Sunday 2 March *Sunday next before Lent***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist with Baptisms

5.30pm *Abide*, a service of reflection, readings and prayer with music from the Taizé community

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