St Hilda’s Ashford

Parish Eucharist
Taizé

Lent 3

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THE GATHERING

Introit Hymn

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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.
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.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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.

The Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading – Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
    call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
    and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
    and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, 
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, 
so are my ways higher than your ways 
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but
with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Miserere mei Domine miserere. (x3)

Respice in me et miserere mei
Quoniam unicus et pauper sum ego. (x3)

Miserere mei Domine miserere. (x3)

(Turn to me, have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.)


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 Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will
all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when
the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were
worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I
tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they
did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his
vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found
none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I
have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none.
Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied,
‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put
manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if
not, you can cut it down.’”

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

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

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,
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.

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.

Offertory Hymn

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus, Confitemini Domino, Alleluia!

(Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.)

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.
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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Deus Sabaoth

(Holy Lord, God of hosts)
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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccato mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccato mundi,
Miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccato mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

(Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; grant us peace.)

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.

Communion Hymns

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where charity and love are found, God himself is there.)

Prayer after Communion
Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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 give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All
Amen.

All
Go in the peace of Christ.
All
Thanks be to God.
Recessional Hymn

Per crucem et passionem tuam
Libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, Domine.
Per crucem et passionem tuam
Libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, Domine.
Per sanctam resurrectionem tuam
Libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, libera nos Domine, Domine.

(By your cross and passion, and by your holy resurrection, deliver us, O Lord.)

The ministers and people depart.
SERVICE TIMES
Wednesday 23rd March 11am
Sunday 27th March 9.30am
The Sunday service is livestreamed and can be viewed later on our Facebook page

Please remember in your prayers this week:

THE SICK:
James Bedford  Pat Kyle  Rev. Peter Taylor
Robb Clarke  Pauline Lewis  Carla Wells
Ann Considine  Chris Maddock  Sheila West
Julia Cowley  Mrs McCammon  Philip Willerton
Michael Dixon  Libby Mills  Chick Wilson
Anna Elwell  Raymond Nation  Peter Wilson
Jack Everett  Pat Parish  Jo Wood
Peter Garner  Peggy Pinfold  Erin
Eileen Gilbert  Elizabeth Savill-Burgess  Izzy
Juilet Griffith  Delphine Scrivener  Nic
Alison Griffiths  Riley Shaw  Baby Reuben
Vicky Hall  Emily Smith  Bob
Jean Iddiols  Elsie Stone  Margaret
Jane Johnson  Roy Stone

THE RECENTLY DEPARTED
Rita Wright  Joyce Scott

THOSE IN OUR MEMORIAL BOOK THIS WEEK
Winifred Catherine Palmer  Stanley Hardy  Joan Mary Ayres
Trevor James Gray  Terence Elbrow  Gordon T J Pritchard
Michael Alan Young  Edaward William Davies
NOTICES

The Parish Office is available by phone weekdays 9am – 5pm

Church Opening
St Hilda’s is open for public worship services.

We are no longer operating a ticket booking system for services, however, it will remain in place for Church events for catering purposes. Masks are optional.

Following the teaching of ‘Loving thy Neighbour’ - If you feel unwell, we ask that you do not attend so that we can maintain the health and safety of all who attend the services.

Feed my sheep – Tuesday 22nd March 2.30pm – 4pm
The theme is Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran

Food Bank Donations
Please use the wooden chest at the rear of the Church to place any donations for the local food bank, such as tinned and dried goods and toiletries.

Ambling through Acts course – Thursday 7th April
(7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month)
Led by Fr Steve, a study of the Acts of the Apostles will entail a close reading of the text. We will see the unfolding story of the beginnings of the church through the eyes of the writer, try to discern his purposes, discover new things, and learn that though the context has changed, human nature remains much the same. Hence, the struggles of those first followers may find resonances in our own day as we live out our individual lives of discipleship and participate together in the life of the church.
Everyone is very welcome to attend. There will be refreshments at the end. We will finish by saying Compline (Night Prayer) together round about 9pm. I hope to see you there. Please bring a bible – ideally the NRSV, but any version will do.

Community Lunch – every Wednesday
Join us for the Community Lunch at midday. If you are able to come forward and help, even once a month, please do liaise with Bobbie.
**Bible Study – every Wednesday**
Bible Study group meet in Church at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Paving Slabs needed**
If anyone has any spare slabs that could be used in the Memorial Garden, please see Paula Gething.

**Pilgrimage to Westminster Abbey – Date TBC**
A parish pilgrimage is being arranged to Westminster Abbey, please sign up on the sheet at the rear of the Church or contact the office. A date will be arranged if we have enough interest.

**St Hilda’s News**
The next issue will be in April. We are still looking for a new editor(s) to take over.

**Sponsor a church chair**
It is not too late to sponsor a chair or a trolley as we would still like purchase more.

If you can help, please complete the form at the rear of the Church.

- £90 covers the cost of a chair
- £225 covers the cost of a stacking trolley
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