

The Benefice of All Saints, Highbrook & St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly



Noah's Thank Offering' by Joseph Anton Koch

The First Sunday of Lent Eucharist

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Welcome to St. Margaret's

Welcome to our service which is streamed from St Margaret's, West Hoathly, as we join together to worship God.

Before the service

A suggestion for before the service is listen to a version of (traditional) 'Sweet sacrament divine' or (contemporary) 'My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness' by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend.

(these can be found on YouTube or music streaming services).

Hymn

Our music is provided by the Church of England, working with St Martin-in-the-Fields and the Royal School of Church Music.

*Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.*

*Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.*

*Let us thine endurance share,
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?*

*And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before
grant we may not faint nor fail.*

*So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.*

*Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.*

George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Welcome and Introduction

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.**

Prayer of Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he
was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before
God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
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

Let us pray:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

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.’ This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25.1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

All **Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

All **Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

All **Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

All **He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Gospel

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.

Cf Psalm 95.3, 8

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

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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 for 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.'

(Mark 1.9-15)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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.

The Prayers of Intercession

For deliverance from temptation and grace in our Lenten resolutions, let us pray to the Lord.

As we are sealed your own by baptism, grant to us the spirit of repentance for sin and resolution for good. Strengthen the Church to be a refuge from evil, open to all who will come in faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the created world, sustained by your mercy but threatened by human greed and indifference. Teach us to live in better harmony with the seasons of the year and with all our fellow-creatures.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Enable the teachers and youth leaders in this community to lead the young into the right way. Give grace to parents and godparents to fulfil their promises for the children they bring to baptism.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Have mercy on victims of floods and other natural disasters, on ocean island communities already suffering from climate change and rising water levels. Bring relief in areas where nature is harsh and living difficult. Give strength to those who work to reclaim the waste places of the world. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for those who have found peace through the saving death of Christ, especially Leslie Biddlecombe, Peter Symes and Ena Rose Kirk. We pray that we, like them, may share in the power of his Resurrection. Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray through Jesus Christ, tempted, as we are, yet without sin.

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you..**

Prayers at the Preparation of the Table

God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **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.**

It is indeed right,

it is our duty and our joy,

at all times and in all places

to give you thanks and praise,

holy Father, heavenly King,

almighty and eternal God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks

because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.

By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,

and to live no longer for ourselves alone,

but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we proclaim your great and glorious name,

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.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation
and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.
Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
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.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

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.**

All **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.**

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.**

As the priest receives Communion, these words are spoken, and answered by the people, as a statement of identification with the communion about to be made but will do so in silence.

The Body of Christ

All **Amen**

The Blood of Christ

All **Amen**

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

A prayer for communion in separation

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

Communion Music

During this period, we will play 'I heard the voice' by Horatius Bonar (1808-1889):

I heard the voice of Jesus say:

'Come unto me and rest;

lay down, thou weary one, lay down

thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,

weary and worn and sad,

I found in him a resting-place,

and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:

'Behold, I freely give

the living water; thirsty one,

stoop down and drink and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank

of that life-giving stream;

my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:

'I am this dark world's Light;

look unto me, thy morn shall rise,

and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun;

and in that light of life I'll walk,

till travelling days are done.

Prayer after Communion

After a short time of silence, we pray together:

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.

Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God almighty,

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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Hymn

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the gath'ring waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)