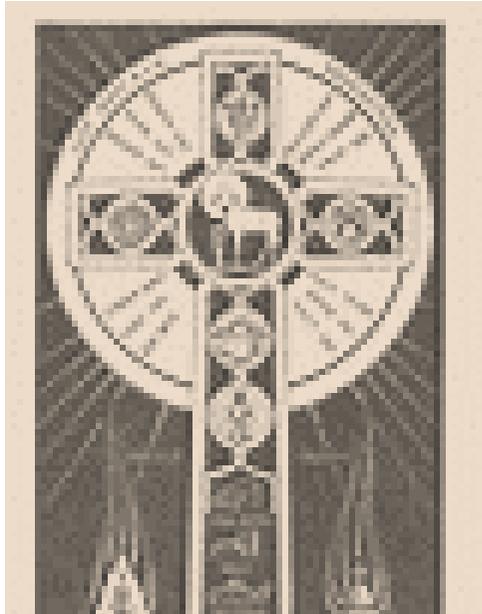


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**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**  
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*We welcome as our celebrant and preacher this morning the Rt Revd Norman Banks, Bishop of Richborough*

## Greeting

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.**

## Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:  
The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.'  
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'  
There is no other commandment greater than these.  
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

By the mercies of God,  
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,  
holy and acceptable to him,  
which is our spiritual worship. **Amen.**

**All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleans 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.**

## 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.**

### ***First Reading***

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in<sup>[a]</sup> him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in<sup>[a]</sup> him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*St Paul's Letter to the Colossians, 1.15-20*

This is the word of the LORD

**All: Thanks be to God**

### ***Gradual Psalm***

There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.  
<sup>27</sup> These all look to you  
to give them their food in due season;  
<sup>28</sup> when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.  
<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your spirit,<sup>[a]</sup> they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.  
<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works—  
<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.  
<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

*Psalm 104.26-35*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Receive with meekness the implanted word, which has power to save your souls.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you;

Hear the ✠ Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**I** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own,<sup>[c]</sup> and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1.1-14*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Address*

*An address is given.*

*Creed*

**W**e 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.**

*Intercessions*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,  
we pray for people in every kind of need;  
make your ways known on earth,  
your saving health among all nations ...

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church;  
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,  
that all who profess and call themselves Christians  
may be led into the way of truth,  
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,  
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life ...

We commend to your fatherly goodness  
all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed,  
in mind, body or estate;  
comfort and relieve them in their need,  
give them patience in their sufferings,  
and bring good out of all their afflictions ...

We remember those who have gone before us  
in the peace of Christ,  
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,  
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints ...  
All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

**All Amen.**

## **The Peace**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.   
*All may express a virtual sign of peace.*

## ***Prayer over the Offerings***

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

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## ***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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**H**oly, 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.

**L**ord, 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.

**G**reat is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**A**nd 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. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

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 the

Blessed Virgin Mary, St Agnes, St Etheldreda, St Martin, St Nicholas, St Philip 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. **Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, ...**

### ***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.**

**J**esus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**J**esus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
**J**esus, Redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

### ***Invitation to Communion***

**J**esus is the Lamb of ☩ God that takes away the sin of the world.  
**J** Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Holy Communion at this time is received in the form of the bread only.*

### ***Prayer after Communion***

Let us pray. 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.

**All 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.**

### ***Blessing***

The Lord be with you;  
**and also with you.**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### ***Dismissal***

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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