

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
LOWESTOFT



# Holy Communion

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

### last Sunday before Lent

### SERVICE TWO

Please feel free to sit or stand as you feel most comfortable.  
Congregational responses are usually shown in **bold type**,  
where these are also in *italics* they are normally sung.



Presiding Canon Simon

## **WELCOME & Introduction**

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.

### **HYMN 598 - *Before the throne of God above***

***1 Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.***

***2 When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me,  
to look on him and pardon me.***

***3 Behold him there! the risen Lamb!  
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.***

Charitie Lees De Chenez (1841–1923)\*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*We are invited to confess what we have done wrong*

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden,  
and ask for forgiveness and peace.

Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

### **Confession (please sit or kneel)**

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Restore us when we are lost.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your love.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Free us from the turmoil of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,

and keep us in life eternal;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

*(If you would like to, please stand to sing the Peruvian Gloria)*

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!*

***Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!***

*To Him be glory for ever!*

***To him be glory for ever!***

*Alleluia. Amen.*

***Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen. Alleluia. Amen.***

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus.....

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit.....

## THE COLLECT *(Prayer of the week - found on the pew sheet)*

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love  
your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**GOSPEL READING Luke 9: 28 – 36** Read by Kathryn

(Please remain standing)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**Hymn 728 - Meekness and majesty**

**1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,  
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
kneels in humility and washes our feet.**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship for this is your God,  
this is your God.***

**2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,  
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.  
Suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice,  
and as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship for this is your God,  
this is your God.***

**3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,  
love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.**

***O what a mystery, meekness and majesty.  
Bow down and worship for this is your God,  
this is your God.***

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

***Instead of a sermon we have the video from the first of the  
prayer course 'Why pray'?***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Gerda**

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Receive our prayer.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **CALLING OF BANNS OF MARRIAGE, NOTICES AND TIME OF SHARING**

### **THE PEACE**

(If you would like to, please stand)

Deep peace be in your hearts,  
Deep peace with God's good earth,  
Deep peace with friend and stranger,  
Deep peace with God - Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit.  
The deep peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 42 - *Longing for light***

(During the hymn the bread & wine are brought forward and the altar is prepared]

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

**3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still  
thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

**4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

**5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.**

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.***

***Christ, be our light!***

***Shine in your church gathered today.***

BERNADETTE FARRELL (b. 1957)



With this bread that we bring,  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring,  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** (Please sit or kneel)

*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.***

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

***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.***

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food.  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
He took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

***This is our song:  
Hosanna in the highest!***

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

***This is our song:***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

***Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.***

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

United as one body we pray for the coming of God's Kingdom  
in heaven and on earth, using the words our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

## **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.**

**The Agnus Dei is sung:**

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace.***

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive the bread and the wine  
or a blessing, it is helpful for us if you say your name when you come  
to the front.*

An anthem and **HYMN** are usually sung during Communion.  
(Please remain seated)

**Anthem** Lamb of God (Webb)

**Hymn 358 - *Be still for the presence of the Lord***

**1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.**

**2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**3 Be still, for power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him;  
be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

DAVID EVANS (b.1957)

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Said by a minister and found on the weekly pew sheet.

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life.  
By the power of your Spirit, keep us always in your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **HYMN 736 - *Name of all majesty***

1 Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
King of the ages  
by angels adored;  
power and authority,  
splendour and dignity,  
bow to his mastery,  
Jesus is Lord!

2 Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
see now what God has done  
sending his only Son,  
Christ the beloved One,  
Jesus is Lord!

3 Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored;  
born as a man to die,  
nailed to a cross on high,  
cold in the grave to lie,  
Jesus is Lord!

4 Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
so with the ransomed,  
we praise him eternally,  
Christ in his majesty,  
Jesus is Lord!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

## **THE BLESSING**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and grant us peace.

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon us and remain with us,

be upon those we love,

pray for and care for

now and for evermore.

**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

*or*

By the power of the Spirit, we take into our community the peace and love of God.  
***In the name of Christ. Amen.***

### **Before you go:**

We're so glad that you decided to join us today.  
If you are new to the church and would like us to keep in touch,  
or to arrange a time when we can visit you, please leave your  
details with us.  
You are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the centre  
following the service.

***May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.***