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ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH

Glory

Holy Communion

The Sunday before Lent, 19th February 2023

We gather

Music as we gather: Jesus, on the mountain peak

1. Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting:

3. Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:

4. Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of ev'ry nation,
hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation.

(words: Brian Wren; music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson)

When the song ends we stand to sing: Christ is the world's true light

1. Christ is the world's true light, its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright of ev'ry race and nation;
new life, new hope awakes, where'er we own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

2. In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
when Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

3. One Lord, in one great name unite us all who own thee;
cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign!

(words: George Wallace Briggs; music: Melody by A Fritsch, adapt & harm Johann Sebastian Bach)

Priest: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

We pray: **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.**

We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: 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.

Silence

**All: Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Forgiveness is declared:

Priest: The God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We stand to give thanks for forgiveness singing THE GLORIA

1. Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heavenly King;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.

2. Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with him in triumph seated,
for your mercy, Lord we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy;
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three in One!

We pray THE COLLECT for The Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

BIBLE READINGS Exodus 24:12-end

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

and 2 Peter 1:16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

HYMN He is exalted (*sing twice*)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
He is exalted for ever exalted and I will praise his name!
He is the Lord; for ever his truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(words & music: Twila Paris)

We remain standing for the GOSPEL READING Matthew 17:1-9

In church, when it is announced, we say:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *from* Lu Skerratt-Love

We affirm our faith

APOSTLES' CREED

Deacon: We stand to affirm our faith in God revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS *are led by Helen Lloyd using the response:*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

ending with

Merciful Father,

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

We stand for THE PEACE

Deacon: Christ came to preach peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN *during which the Table is prepared* Be thou my vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*(words: Irish [c8th century], trans Mary Byrne & Eleanor Hull;
music: Traditional Irish melody, arr Colin Hand; descant: John Wilson alt)*

We celebrate God's faithfulness

We stand, if able, for the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: 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.

Creating and liberating God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed it with Moses on the mountain, you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain. Then on a mountain your Son Jesus stood between the Law and the Prophets and revealed the radiance of your gospel. On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high. And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us. Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

A bell is rung

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, 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."

A bell is rung.

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here. Through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters and be close to all children who have no one to share your love and mercy with them. Make us your beloved and visit all who have no one to call them beloved. Give us grace to listen to your voice and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them. Surround us with your prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, each in our mother tongue, so we pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.
For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you. Eat in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace. (x2)**

We pause to remember all who pray at home, then share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ. All are welcome to receive. If you prefer not to share the common cup, receiving just the bread is as much communion as receiving both. If you prefer not to receive but would value a prayer of blessing do come forward and simply keep your hands by your sides. We will pray for you.

For the sake of those with gluten intolerance, please do not dip your wafer in the wine.

SONGS during Communion

1. If you would follow me, follow where life will lead:
do not look for me among the dead,
for I am hidden in pain, risen in love;
there is no harvest without sowing of grain.

*All that is hidden will be made clear.
All that is dark now will be revealed.
What you have heard in the dark proclaim in the light,
what you hear in whispers proclaim from the housetops.*

2. If you would honour me, honour the least of these:
you will not find me dressed in finery.
My Word cries out to be heard; breaks through the world:
my Word is on your lips and lives in your heart.

3. If you would speak of me live all your life in me:
my ways are not the ways that you would choose;
my thoughts are far beyond yours, as heaven from earth:
if you believe in me my voice will be heard.

4. If you would rise with me, rise through your destiny:
do not refuse the death which brings you life,
for as the grain in the earth must die for rebirth,
so I have planted your life deep within mine.

(words & music: Bernadette Farrell, refrain based on Luke 12:2-3)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him;
open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen;
O, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus!

(words & music: Robert Cull, arr David Peacock)

We are sent out

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word [*and with the body and blood of Christ*]. Strengthen us in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Priest: Be attentive to the Gospel, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

(cf 2 Peter 1:19)

HYMN Christ is made the sure foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
you have promised loving kindness,
hear your servants as we pray,
bless your people now before you,
turn our darkness into day.

3. Hear the cry of all your people,
what they ask and hope to gain;
what they gain from you, for ever
with your chosen to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4. Praise and honour to the Father,
praise and honour to the Son,
praise and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might and One in glory,
while unending ages run. Amen.

*(words: 'Urbs beata Jerusalem' [c7th century], trans John Mason Neale alt;
music: Henry Purcell, arr E Hawkins; descant: Unknown)*

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ, Amen.



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