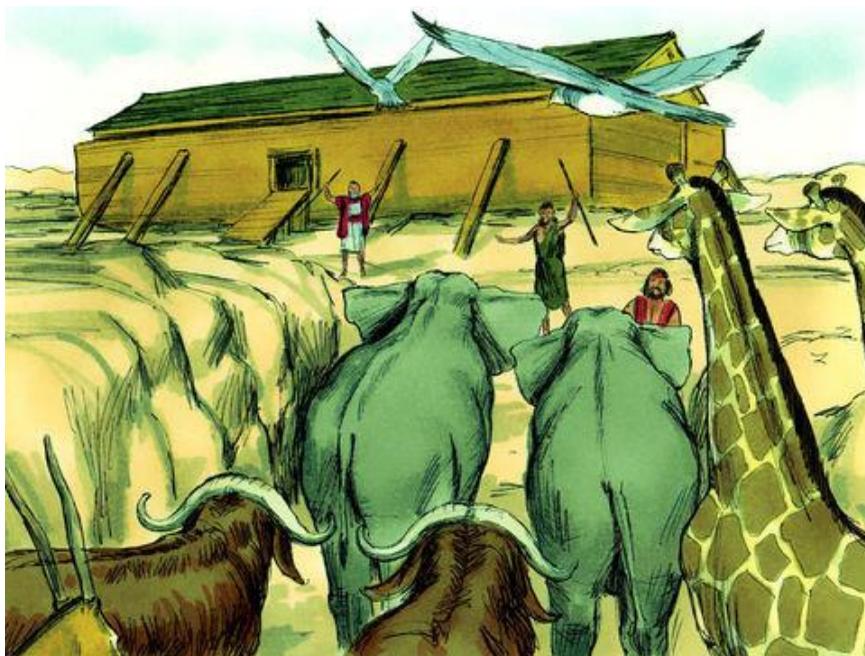


# PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH



# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21<sup>st</sup> February, 2021

## THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Links to a video of this service can be found on the church website and Facebook page.

**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Paul  
Organist: Tony Hancock**

*Prayer of Preparation before the Holy Eucharist*

***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.***

*Opening Music*

**Opening Hymn: NEH 67  
George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870)  
And Francis Pott 1832-1909**

- 1      Forty days and forty nights  
         thou wast fasting in the wild;  
         forty days and forty nights,  
         tempted and yet undefiled.**
  
- 2      Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
         chilly dew-drops nightly shed,  
         prowling beasts about thy way;  
         stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**
  
- 3      Let us thine endurance share,  
         and awhile from joys abstain,  
         with thee watching unto prayer,  
         Strong with thee to suffer pain.**
  
- 4      And if Satan, vexing sore,  
         flesh or spirit should assail,  
         thou, his vanquisher before,  
         Grant we may not faint nor fail.**

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

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

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

### **The Greeting**

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

*Fr. Paul introduces the day's celebration and invites people  
to make an act of penitence*

### **The Prayers of Penitence**

**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 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 Kyries

**Lord have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy**  
**Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy**  
**Lord have mercy**

## The Collect for the Day

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. **Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Reading: Genesis 9. 8-17

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

**Thanks be to God**

**The Gradual Hymn: NEH 64  
Isaac Willams (1802-1865)**

- 1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.**
- 2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.**
- 3 And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.**
- 4 Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.**



## The Gospel Reading: Mark 1. 9-15

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**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.'

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

**The Homily**

**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

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.  
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism [and confirmation] ...  
and for their teachers and sponsors,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world ...  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow  
among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ...  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of  
holiness ...  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,  
in your love and goodness  
you have taught us to come close to you  
in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline,  
and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



*Pray for the leaders of the nations, governments of the world and all managing the effects of the present pandemic and all those engaged in medical research. We pray for those who are overseeing and administering the vaccines across this country and the world.*

*We especially pray for those working and living in our local Care Homes: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

*Those who are in particular need of healing:  
Andrew Nairn, and Edward Fuchs  
Those who are in need of continued prayer:  
Ron Jones, Betty Miller and Ryan Nichols*

*Pray to rest in peace: Kelly Becket, Margaret Capon, John Edge,  
Christopher Esdaile and Wilma Roscoe*

*Anniversary of death: Joan Healy*

*Together with other Churches in the village we pray for those who  
live and work Rectory Lane, Potts Lane, St. Mary's Close, Rectory  
Close, Link Lane, Dennis Court, Moat Lane and The Moat*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*Fr. Paul introduces the Peace*

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

Pray my dear brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and  
yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good,  
and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Prayer over the Gifts is said:*

Creator God, we pray you to fashion our lives in the likeness of  
Christ, whose table we share and of whose life we partake.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 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**

*Fr Paul continues with the prayer until say together:*

**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.**

*Fr. Paul continues until the following is used:*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer*

**Amen**

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## The Breaking of 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.**

**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.**

*The following or similar words are used as an invitation to make an act of Spiritual Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
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.**



### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you.  
Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Amen**

### **The Prayer after Communion**

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. **Amen**

**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**

**Final Hymn: NEH 376**  
**Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)**

- 1** 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.
- 2** 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.
- 3** 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.

**The Blessing**

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

**The Dismissal**

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

## **Church & Liturgical Diary**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent* *Fairtrade Fortnight starts*

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent*

*St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr c. 155*

12noon Kelly Becket R.I.P. Funeral and Burial

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent*

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent*

PCC Standing Committee meet by zoom

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** *Feria of Lent*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Reading: Genesis 17. 1-7. 15-16 and Mark 8. 31-e

### **FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT - 22 February to 7 March 2021**

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks. mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

In 2021, Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different. 2020 has been a hard year for everyone and we know that physically campaigning and meeting people will continue to be challenging in 2021 but we have also heard from so many of you that you want to continue to support Fairtrade through this time.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message. We just have to do this a little differently in 2021!