

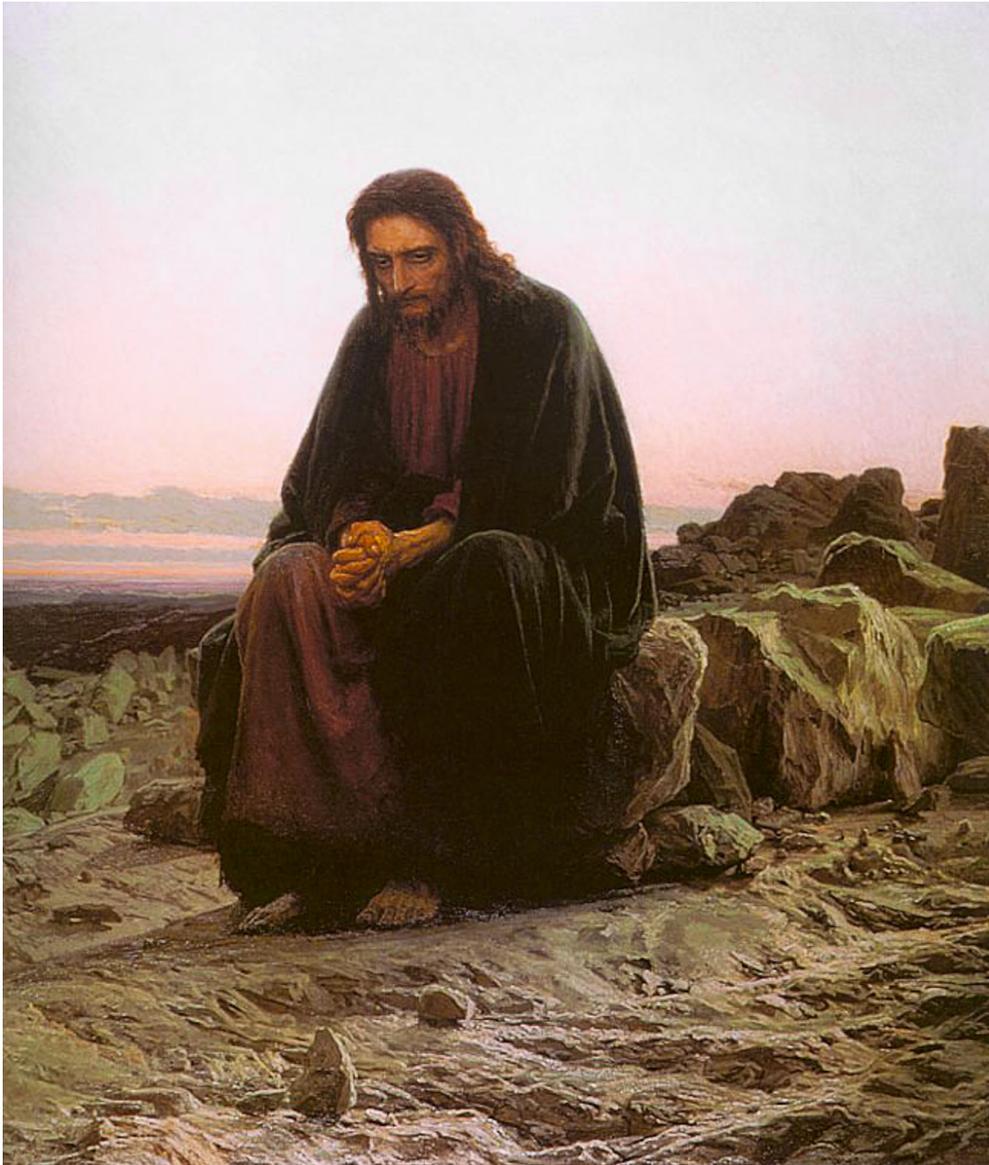
**The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Send**

## **First Sunday of Lent**

**21 February 2021 at 9.00am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**Order One**



*Christ in the Desert by Ivan Kramskoy 1872*

***Straw Chapel - 9.00 a.m.***

*This service will begin at 9 a.m. in the Straw Chapel of the Annunciation at the Vicarage and will be live-streamed using [Facebook](#) on the 'Send Parish Church' page.*

**TRANSFORMING CHURCH  
TRANSFORMING LIVES**

## ¶ The Gathering

### The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Good morning coronavirus pilgrims and welcome to the Straw Chapel of the Annunciation here at Send Vicarage for this celebration of the life and ever-present Spirit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Today is the First Sunday of Lent, the 40-day season (excluding Sundays) of prayer, penitence and preparation leading to Easter.

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

### Hymn

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing ev'ry blessing  
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us -  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy;  
love with ev'ry passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.**

*Words: James Edmeston (1791-1867)  
Music: MANNHEIM by Friedrich Filitz*

## Prayers of Penitence

*A minister says*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*The president says the absolution*

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

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept.*

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

### Reading

A reading from Genesis

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.’ <sup>12</sup> 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: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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.’ <sup>17</sup> 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.’

*Genesis 9.8-17*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

**There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One,**

### ***Refrain***

***Thank you, O my Father,  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit,  
till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
O for sinners slain.**

**When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever,  
in that holy place.**

## Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

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

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

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> 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*

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Sermon

## 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 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.  
**Amen.**

The kingdom of love is coming because:  
somewhere someone is kind when others are  
unkind,  
somewhere someone shares with another in need,  
somewhere someone refuses to hate, while others  
hate,  
somewhere someone is patient - and waits in love,  
somewhere someone returns good for evil,  
somewhere someone serves another, in love,  
somewhere someone is calm in a storm,  
somewhere someone is loving everybody.  
Is that someone you? (jke)

## ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### 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.

*Romans 5.1,2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you

### Preparation of the Table

#### Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*At the preparation this prayer is said*

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 president takes the bread and wine.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says*

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 and good to give you thanks and praise,

almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels 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.**

Lord, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And 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.

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 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.

**All** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach  
us to pray.

*The Lord's Prayer is said.*

**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.

### Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup

**All** we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

### Receiving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All** Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The president receives communion.*

### Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept.*

*This Post Communion or other suitable prayer is said*

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.

### Hymn

**Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.**

**Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.**

**Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!**

**Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.**

*Words E. Smith*

*Music: PICARDY – traditional French melody*

## ¶ The Dismissal

### The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

### The Dismissal

*A minister dismisses the people.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The minister and people depart.*

*Refreshments are available in our own kitchens*



May the love that gives to life its beauty,  
the reverence that gives to life its sacredness,  
and the purposes that give to life its deep significance  
be strong within each of us  
and lead us into ever deepening relationships  
with all of life. (G. G. Brooks)  
Amen.