



St Michaels and All Angels, Galleywood, 11th February (18th Sunday next before Lent)

Service of Holy Communion: Shining in our hearts

Welcome:

Blessed are you, creator of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made;
as we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Song: Mission Praise 1040

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
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Song: Mission Praise 1384

Your love, shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain,
Raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again.
I receive Your love.

Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin,
It purifies my heart
And heals me from within.
I receive Your grace.

*Pour over me,
Pour over me,
Let Your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me Your waves of love,
Pour over me.*

I come and lay my burden down
Gladly at Your feet,
I'm opening up my heart;
Come make this joy complete.
I receive Your peace.

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Confession and absolution

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:
Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are 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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the day is said:

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.**

Prayer for Sonlight

Readings: (Keith)

Psalm 50: 1-6

- ¹The Mighty One, God, the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.
- ²From Zion, perfect in beauty,
God shines forth.
- ³Our God comes
and will not be silent;
a fire devours before him,
and around him a tempest rages.
- ⁴He summons the heavens above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:
- ⁵“Gather to me this consecrated people,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”
- ⁶And the heavens proclaim his righteousness,
for he is a God of justice.

2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon (David)

Song: Mission Praise 1100

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you,
I want to see you. *(Repeat)*

To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love,
As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,
Holy, holy, holy,
Holy holy holy,

I want to see you.

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Affirmation of faith:

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions: (Daniel)

Thanksgiving for our offering

God of life, saviour of the poor, receive all our gifts
With gratitude for your goodness, penitence for our pride
and dedication to your service, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace: (Children return from Sonlight)

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God... ...we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**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.**

How wonderful the work of your hands... ...Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence... ...in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's prayer

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.

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.

Receiving Communion (songs during communion)

Song: Mission Praise 1158

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

Song: Mission Praise 1181

Here I am,
Humbled by Your majesty,
Covered by Your grace so free.
Here I am,
Knowing I'm a sinful man,
Covered by the blood of the Lamb.

Now I've found
The greatest love of all is mine,
Since You laid down Your life,
The greatest sacrifice.

*Majesty, majesty.
Your grace has found me just as I am,
Empty-handed but alive in Your hands.
Majesty, majesty.
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty.*

Here I am,
Humbled by the love that You give,
Forgiven so that I can forgive.
Here I stand,
Knowing that I'm Your desire,
Sanctified by glory and fire.

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Song: Mission Praise 1126

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Prayer after Communion

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.

Song: Mission Praise 1224

The greatest day in history,
Death is beaten, You have rescued me.
Sing it out: Jesus is alive.
The empty cross, the empty grave,
Life eternal, You have won the day.
Shout it out: Jesus is alive,
He's alive.

*And oh, happy day, happy day,
You washed my sin away.
Oh, happy day, happy day,
I'll never be the same.
Forever I am changed.*

When I stand in that place,
Free at last, meeting face to face,
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.
Endless joy, perfect peace,
Earthly pain finally will cease.
Celebrate, Jesus is alive,
He's alive.

Oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious way
That You have saved me.
And oh, what a glorious day,
What a glorious name,
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Conclusion and blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep our 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 us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.