

St John The Divine, Horninglow

**Parish Mass First Sunday in Lent,
21 February 2021.**

*live at 10 am - streamed online at
www.facebook.com/stjohnshorninglow;
later on YouTube.*

THE GATHERING

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

May the light and peace of the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you
and also with you.

When he calls to me, I will answer; I will
rescue him and give him honour. Long life
and contentment will be his.

Hear these commandments which God has
given to his people, and examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no
other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

Response R: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship in spirit and in truth. **R**

You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord
your God.
You shall worship him with awe and
reverence. **R**

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds
on things that are above, not on things that
are on the earth. **R**

Honour your father and mother.
Live as servants of God; let us work for the
good of all,
especially members of the household of
faith. **R**

You shall not commit murder.
Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with
good. **R**

You shall not commit adultery.
Know that your body is a temple of the Holy
Spirit. **R**

You shall not steal.
Be honest in all that you do, and care for
those in need. **R**

You shall not be a false witness.
Let everyone speak the truth. **R**

You shall not covet anything which belongs
to your neighbour.
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is
more blessed to give than to receive.' **R**

Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is
the fulfilling of the law. **R**

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and
one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and
deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance
and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and bring *you* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT

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

FIRST READING *Genesis 9.8-17*

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

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
We do not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to S. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING *Mark 1.9-15*

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ 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.

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Responses:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

or Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

After the departed are named:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace,
And rise in glory. Amen.

The Hail Mary may be said:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with
thee. Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

The prayers usually end,

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

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.

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

Pray, my friends, that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the almighty Father.
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your
hands, for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and for the good of all his
church.**

Lord, make us worthy to bring you these
gifts. May this sacrifice help to change our
lives. 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.

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*:

**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.

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

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 [*N and*] 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. **Amen.**

THE COMMUNION RITE

**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.**

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.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus
Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body
and our souls washed through his most
precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him and
he in us. Amen.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. *(Repeat)***

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

This 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.**

The body of Christ.

AFTER COMMUNION

The Lord will overshadow you, and you will
find refuge under his wings.

Let us pray.

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 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

NOTICES

The Mass is ended.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God!