

All Saints Kingston

Sunday 2 February 2020 – Presentation of Christ

Welcome. If children want them, there are activities that take place elsewhere during the service - just come forward at the end of the first hymn to join the others. During the service, the choir sings some parts on our behalf in order to help us to pray.

*The setting of the Mass today is **Missa 'Euge Bone' (Tyne)***

Silence is kept. We stand to sing:

Hymn 475

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

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

**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.**

*The minister invites everyone to recall their shortcomings.
After a few moments we say together the prayer of confession.*

**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 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.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Choir sings the Gloria:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

We sit for readings from the Old and New Testament. We stand to sing:

Hymn 360 *At the end the gospel is announced.*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

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

*We sit for the Sermon, after which silence may be kept. Today's Preacher is the Rev'd, **Sandy Cragg***

We stand for the Creed:

**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.

*We sit or kneel to pray for the World, our Community and Ourselves
During the prayers this response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

and at the end:

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

Silence may be kept, after which we stand for the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 280 *during which a collection is taken for the work of our church and the bread
and wine for Communion are brought to the altar.*

Holy Communion

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

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.

The priest says the first part of the eucharistic prayer, before the Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light yet, in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [N and] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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**

Sit or kneel for 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:

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.**

Silence may be kept.

The priest invites everyone to receive communion.

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

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.

The Choir sings:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Followed by the motet **Alleluia, Senex puerum portabat (Byrd)***

Senex puerum portabat, puer
autem senem regebat:
quem Virgo peperit, et post
partum Virgo permansit,
ipsum quem genuit adoravit.

*The old man carried the boy, but the
boy ruled the old man.
Whom the virgin bore, and
afterwards remained a virgin,
the very same to whom she gave
birth, she worshipped.
Antiphon of the Purification*

The priest prays the post communion prayer:

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Then we say together:

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sit for the notices then stand to sing:

Hymn: 44 (t.282)

The Blessing after which the minister says:

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

Organ voluntary: Wesley – Choral Song

NOTICES AND NEWS

ASK Topical Lunch Thursday 20 February –

In the United Reformed Church, Eden Street. Kingston Borough Leader Liz Green reports on the year just gone; looks ahead; and invites your questions and feedback. Starts 1:00 pm – finishes 1:45 pm.

The Children's Society Collection Boxes

Please return collection boxes to Geoff and Mary Warman, or via the office. Thank you

Support the Mayor's Charity and get rid of old mobile phones!!

The Mayor is raising money for Oxygen and the Kingston Centre for Independent Living in many ways but one of them is to recycle old phones. Do you have an old mobile or two you don't know how to get rid of? Well now its easy. Simply bring it to All Saints and we will pass it on to the Mayor's team who will wipe all the old data and recycle or reuse if possible. So bring in those phones!

A shared lunch – February 9th

Some of you may remember our Muslim friends from the dialogue Society who came to break their Ramadan fast during the summer at All Saints where they cooked us a delicious meal. They offered to do it again but we suggested that we should contribute more this time. So, on February 9th, we have agreed to hold a bring and share meal at the church after the morning service (at 12pm). Everyone is invited and warmly encouraged to come and during it we'll be passing a hat round for contributions to Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness.

Confirmation in 2020

Please do speak to Jonathan if you would be interested in being Confirmed in 2020.

Would you like to administer the chalice, read lessons or say the prayers?

If so please talk to one of the Wardens or Jonathan

Past Cases Review of Safeguarding across the Church of England

The Church of England is conducting a review of how the church has addressed child protection cases in the past. This involves us, as a parish, reporting any incidents of concern that involved church officers either recently, or at some time in the past. When we have this information we will report it back to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team no later than the 14th February. So, if you have knowledge or suspicion of any harmful behaviour by a church officer, either currently or in the past, please communicate it in confidence to the Rector, Jonathan Wilkes (jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk, 020 3132 8717). Alternatively, if you have any concerns about the Rector himself please communicate it in confidence to either of the Parish Safeguarding Officers: Phil Walker (pwalker535@gmail.com) or Amanda Bullen (amanda.bullen@hotmail.co.uk)

Ash Wednesday

Choral Eucharist with ashing at 7.30pm. All Welcome. **(Please note: NO Choral Evensong)**

Lent Group - Tuesday 25th February 7pm and Thursday 2nd April 6pm (in the Choir Vestry)

A challenging Jesus. This year we are suggesting something different for Lent: a course of personal meditation and reflection on some passages taken from the Gospels. The point is not to generate argument or discussion, but to deepen our intimacy with the figure of Jesus as he is presented in those texts. The passages chosen convey a Jesus rather different from his churchy stereotype; there is a sense of strangeness with which we have to struggle, challenging us to re-acquaintance. Though this course is offered primarily for personal use, there will be points when we can gather to share our experience of living with those passages; not Bible study in a traditional way, but a communicating, as far as we wish, the experience of living with those texts over a period of time. Contact the office for a course booklet or come to the Choir Vestry on Tuesday 25th February at 7pm.

Film outing

Federico Fellini's 1975 film *Amarcord* in a new 4K restoration. Saturday 29 February at 18:30. At BFI Southbank. See Jeremy Jeffries if you're interested.

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2:14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.