

UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MICHAEL BETCHWORTH AND ST MARY BUCKLAND
SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT – FAMILY COMMUNION



The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.



1st Reading:

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 Wisdom was before all things

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Hymn: Colours of day dawn into the mind

Colours of day dawn into the mind,
the sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

Go through the park, on into the town;
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
but Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

Words & Music: Sue McClennan (b.1951), John Paculabo (1946-2013) & Keith Rycroft (b.1949). Music arranged by Paul Leddington Wright (b.1951)



Gospel John 1.1-14 *The Word became flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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

Sermon by Revd Anna Moore



Offertory

As many people are aware with no physical services not only is the church empty but the collection plate is too. At this point in the service, we would usually have our offertory as the altar is prepared. These small donations make a huge difference for the ongoing costs and upkeep of the church. If you are able, please consider donating as if this were a live service – we are doing our utmost to keep worship resources available and would be extremely grateful for any amount you are able to give. - ***Thank you for your kind support and generosity***



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Prayers. By Oscar and Benjamin Thornhill



Merciful Father accept these prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins...
Go in the light and peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary : 'Londonderry Air - arr. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)



We hope you are enjoying the online services which aim to bring the church community together and keep the momentum of faith alive for all generations. As a rural parish church, we rely heavily on donations to help maintain our beautiful buildings.

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