

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN

Sunday 12th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent
10.30 a.m. Choral Eucharist sung by the choir of the University Church

*Children of all ages are welcome to stay in church for the duration of the service.
Colouring materials and other quiet activities are available at the entrance to the church for any children who would like them.*

ORGAN MUSIC *Rhosymedre*, Ralph Vaughan-Williams

HYMN 436

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

All Amen

President The Lord be with you

All And also with you

All 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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Invitation to confession

President God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Kneel

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.

President 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.

Stand

GLORIA *Sung by the choir* *Missa Illo Tempore*, Claudio Monteverdi

COLLECT

President 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.

All Amen

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING *Colossians 1.15-20*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

At the end of the reading, the reader may say: 'This is the Word of the Lord'

All Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 38

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced, all say:

All Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 1.1-14

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.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON **The Revd Professor Keith Ward**

CREED Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE INTERCESSION

During the prayers, either of the following may be used:

Intercessor Lord in Your Mercy, *or* Lord hear us.
All Hear our Prayer. Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end of the prayers:

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

THE PEACE

President Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 296

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

President Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

President Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

President Lift up your hearts
All We lift them to the Lord.

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung by the choir* *Missa Illo Tempore,*
Claudio Monteverdi

President Great is the Mystery of Faith
**All Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

At the close of the Eucharistic Prayer all say: Amen

Sit or kneel

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one
bread.**

AGNUS DEI *Sung by the choir* *Missa Illo Tempore,* Claudio Monteverdi

President Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed
are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I
shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION

During communion the choir will sing *Ave Maria,* Robert Parsons

AFTER COMMUNION

President God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen

**All 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**

HYMN 377

THE BLESSING

President The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your 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 you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All In the name of Chris, Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C* (BWV 547), Johann Sebastian Bach

After the service you are invited to coffee and sherry

NOTICES

Film Club

David and Rachel invite you to come out and watch a film at the Phoenix Cinema in Jericho. The Film Club meets several times a year, in and out of term, and we enjoy a curry together at Jamal's afterwards. It is a great way to avoid the winter blues! If you would like to be notified about the next showing, please place your details on the back of the service sheet along with the words "film club", hand it in to one of the clergy, and we can add you to our contact list.

Lunch or a Pre-prandial

Please join us at 12noon for a drink or lunch at All Bar One, opposite the Covered Market

Master Rota (*for readers, intercessors, Eucharistic assistants, servers, stewards, coffee & Flowers*)

The master rota for February has been posted on the noticeboard at the back of church (by the shop). Please check the rota and place a tick next to your name to confirm you are able to do any duties assigned to you.

Oxclean 2012

Volunteers from Churches Together in Central Oxford will be spring cleaning Barracks Rd, Cowley, with volunteers from the Mosque between 10 am and noon on Saturday March 3. If you would like to take part, please tell Mary Lean (425644) by February 27.

Friendship walk mosquito nets – a message from Renny Gye

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the money which we collected at the Friendship Walk in June for mosquito nets has been used to provide 300 nets to families in Janchegu, a mixed Muslim-Christian village on the outskirts of Tamale in northern Ghana. I visited the village in November and spent time with the chief and elders as well as with the group of widows served by the Dorcas Foundation. It is a very poor village and I know the nets were received with great pleasure.

Invitation to an Exhibition of Sculpture & Linocuts.

A BROAD LOOK AT LIFE by Toddy Hoare. Broad Canvas Gallery, 20 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AS. Monday 5th March 2012 – Saturday 24th March 2012, 0900-1730 Monday – Saturday & 1100 – 1700 Sunday. 10% of any sales at the exhibition will be divided between 4 charities: Magdalen College School, Wycliffe Hall, The University Church, and Centrepoint.

Newcomers

You are most welcome at St Mary's and we would very much like to get to know you. If you would like to be involved in the life of this church, please write your name and address below, and hand this page to one of the clergy.

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