

***The Benefice of Silsoe, Pulloxhill and Flitton***  
*Growing as beacons of Christ's light in our communities*



**REMEMBERED WITH LOVE**

St James the Great, Silsoe  
Sunday 1 November 2020

Led by Churchwarden Simon Stranks

**Welcome**

In the name of Christ, who died and rose again in glory, we welcome you;  
Grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

**All: And also with you**

We have come together and to this place to remember those whom we have loved, to look back at the times we shared with them and to give thanks for a life that has enriched ours.

**Hymn**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord**

**1.** Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

**2.** Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

**3.** Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place

## Acclamation

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, lover of our souls

**All: You uphold us in life and sustain us in death.**

**To you be glory and praise forever.**

For the darkness of this age is passing away as Christ the bright morning star brings to his saints the light of life. As you give light to those in darkness who walk in the shadow of death, so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants, that death may be for them the gate to life and un- ending fellowship with you; where with your saints you live and reign one in the perfect union of love now and forever.

**Amen**

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

*Candles will be lit and the names of loved ones read out.*

You, O Lord, are my lamp.

**All: You turn our darkness into light.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life.

**All: In your light we shall see light.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet,

**All: And a light upon our path.**

Jesus is the light of the world;

**All: A light no darkness can cover.**

*Silence will be kept*

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

**All: Blessed is the Lord,**

This is the will of him who sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

**All: And I will raise them up on the last day.**

## The Collect

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 forever.

**Amen**

## HYMN

### Lord of all hopefulness

1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like,  
no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled  
at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome,  
your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment,  
whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
at the end of the day.

### Psalm 139:1-11,17,18

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:  
you know when I sit and when I stand;  
you comprehend my thoughts long before I.  
You discern my path and the places where I rest:  
you are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.**

For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, Lord, know it altogether.  
You have encompassed me behind and before:  
and laid you hand upon me.

**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:  
so high that I cannot endure it.  
Where shall I go from your Spirit:  
or where shall I go from your presence?

**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.**

If I ascend to the heaven, you are there;  
if I make my grave, you are there also.  
If I spread my wings towards the morning;  
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea.

**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.**

Even there your hand shall lead me;  
your right hand will guide me.  
If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me;  
and the night enclose me.'

**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.**

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God;  
and how great is the sum of them!  
Were I to count them,  
they are more in number than the sand;  
were I to come to the end, I would still be with you;  
**All: The darkness is no darkness with you; but the night is as clear as the day.  
The darkness and the light are both alike.**

### Reading

This is the word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

### Sermon

### Prayers

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel:  
**All: He has come to his people and set them free.**

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:  
**All: born of the house of his servant David.**

In the tender compassion of our God:  
**All: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:  
**All: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion,  
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.  
Lord, hear us;  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death  
and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life,  
and that through the grave and gate of death  
we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.  
Lord, hear us;  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage,  
and who walk as yet by faith,  
that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.  
Lord, hear us;  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind. Lord, hear us;  
**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence  
in your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on you,  
they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord, hear us;

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

May we have strength to meet the days ahead  
in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love.

Lord, hear us;

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand,  
to believe and trust in the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Lord, hear us;

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant us grace to entrust those whom we remember  
to your never-failing love which sustained them in this life.  
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
and remember them according to the favour you bear for your people.

Lord, hear us;

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

As we look for the coming of God's Kingdom, let us pray in the words our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

## HYMN

### Great is thy faithfulness

**1** Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**2** Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**3** Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

## Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you  
and guide you at every change and turn;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and those whom you love,  
now and in all eternity.

**Amen**

Go in the peace and light of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Amen**