



The Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton

# The Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Please pray:

For The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

For the Children, Youth and Families Strategy Officer at Church House Hove.

For those who work to bring peace around the world.

For neighbours in Elrington Road.

For Elias, Pauline Grimstone, Veronica Holden, Paul Thompson, Trevor, Robin, Rols Ham-Riche, Sarah, Peter, Michael Miller, Jess, Marian.

Recently Departed: Monique

Anniversaries of death: Joy Bidwell, Vivienne Renaut, Wendy Brogden.

*Welcome to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This sheet has everything you need to follow what is going on. The writing in the red italics gives instructions. The text in normal type will be spoken by a priest, reader or other member of the congregation. We all join in with the bold type.*

*Please stand when the bell rings and the altar party enters.*

**Processional Hymn**  
NEH 343

- 1 Bright the vision that delighted  
Once the sight of Judah's seer;  
Sweet the countless tongues united  
To entrance the prophet's ear.**
- 2 Round the Lord in glory seated  
Cherubim and seraphim  
Filled his temple, and repeated  
Each to each the alternate hymn:**
- 3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'**
- 4 Heaven is still with glory ringing,  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,  
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'**
- 5 With his seraph train before him,  
With his holy Church below,  
Thus unite we to adore him,  
Bid we thus our anthem flow:**
- 6 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fullness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'**

*Richard Mant (1776-1848)*

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.**

*The priest introduces the celebration. We say the Prayer of Preparation.*

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 Penitential Rite**

*The priest invites us to call to mind our sins.*

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.**

**The Gloria**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

### **The Collect**

*We remain standing for the Collect:*

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for the readings.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **First Reading**

A reading from Exodus.

*Exodus 24:12-end*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

Psalm 99 (Chant: Turle)

- 1 The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient \*  
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
- 2 The Lord is great in Sion \*  
and high above all people.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto thy Name \*  
which is great, wonderful, and holy.
- 4 The king's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity \*  
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 O magnify the Lord our God \*  
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name \*  
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar \*  
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
- 8 Thou heardest them, O Lord our God \*  
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
- 9 O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill \*  
for the Lord our God is holy.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\* and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,\* world  
without end. Amen.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

### 2 Peter 1:16-end

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel**

*We stand for the Gospel reading.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my Son, the beloved. Listen to him."

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then

Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*At the end of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*We sit for the sermon.*

**The Creed**

*Please 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.

### The Intercessions

*In the intercessions, we make this or another response:*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

*At the end of the prayers:*

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

Amen.

### The Peace

*Please remain standing as the celebrant introduces the Peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the Offertory Hymn, the Gifts of Bread and Wine are presented by the people. A collection is taken. There is also a Card machine at the back of the church. You are welcome to use it at the end of the service if you would like to make any donation.*

### Offertory Hymn NEH 487 (t 447)

1 You, living Christ, our eyes behold,  
amid your Church appearing,  
all girt about your breast with gold  
and bright apparel wearing;  
your countenance is burning bright,  
a sun resplendent in its might:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

2 Your glorious feet have sought and found  
your own of every nation;  
with everlasting voice you sound  
the call of our salvation;  
your eyes of flame still search and know  
the whole outspreading realm below:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

**3 O risen Christ, today alive,  
amid your Church abiding,  
who now your blood and body give,  
new life and strength providing,  
we join in heavenly company  
to sing your praise triumphantly,  
for we have seen your glory.**

*Edmund Morgan (1888-1979)*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*The Invitation to Prayer is said:*

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The priest then prays the Prayer over the Gifts to which we respond:*

**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.**

*The priest praises God for his mighty acts, and we sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

...as without end we acclaim:

**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,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

*The priest prays the prayer of consecration, and this acclamation is said:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*The Prayer continues, leading into the doxology, which ends*

... for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The priest introduces 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.**

### **Breaking of Bread**

*The priest breaks the consecrated host:*

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 sing the Agnus Dei:*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

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

*Mass of St Thomas, Thorne*

### **Giving of Communion**

Behold 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.**

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity, and are used to receiving communion, you are very welcome to do so here. Otherwise, you may like to come forward for a blessing. Please bring this sheet with you to indicate that you would like a blessing.*

*If you are unwell, please help us to keep those who are immunocompromised safe by refraining from taking the chalice. It is perfectly valid to receive the bread only.*

**Choir**

*Here, O my Lord, Barry Rose*

**Communion Hymn**  
NEH 178

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!**  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.
  
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,**  
Thy beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.
  
- 3 Fulfiller of the past,**  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail thy Body glorified,  
And our redemption see.
  
- 4 Before we taste of death,**  
We see thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright,  
And make this hill our home.
  
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!**  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since you bidst us leave the mount  
Come with us to the plain.

*J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)*

*We stand as the priest prays:*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We pray together:*

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 Notices**

**The Blessing**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The priest asks God's blessing on us, which ends:*

...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn  
NEH 494

- 1 Christ is the world's true Light,  
Its Captain of salvation,  
The Daystar shining bright  
To every man and nation;  
New life, new hope awakes,  
Where'er men own his sway:  
Freedom her bondage breaks,  
And night is turned to day.**
  
- 2 In Christ all races meet,  
Their ancient feuds forgetting,  
The whole round world complete,  
From sunrise to its setting:  
When Christ is throned as Lord,  
Men shall forsake their fear,  
To ploughshare beat the sword,  
To pruning-hook the spear.**
  
- 3 One Lord, in one great name  
Unite us all who own thee;  
Cast out our pride and shame  
That hinder to enthrone thee;  
The world has waited long,  
Has travailed long in pain;  
To heal its ancient wrong,  
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.**

*G. W. Briggs (1875-1959)*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Epilogue in B Flat, Gordon Slater*



## THIS WEEK

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	
10.15am (Zoom opens 9.45am)	Bible Study
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	
2pm - 4pm	Tea at The Good Shepherd
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
10.30am 11am 8pm	The Eucharist The Eucharist at <i>Chatsworth Home</i> <b>Sung Eucharist</b>
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
10.30am	The Eucharist
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	
8.00am 10.15am 11.30am 5pm	The Eucharist <b>Parish Eucharist</b> Sunday Snippets Journey to the Cross

## NOTICES

Our **Pancake Party** is this afternoon, from 4pm to 6pm. There will be pancake games, crafts, races and of course lots of pancakes to eat! If you are able to help us to run this, please sign up on the list at the back of church.

There is an informal vote to choose our **charities** for this year at the back of church. Please place a tally mark next to the charity of your choice in each of the three categories.

**Ash Wednesday** falls on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. There will be a Said Eucharist at 10.30am and a Sung Eucharist at 8pm, as well as a Eucharist at Chatsworth Home at 11am.

Our **Lent Course** this year begins on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am in church and at 7.30pm at 49 Maldon Road. It meets for five weeks and is exploring the Gospel of Matthew. Sign up list at the back.

The **Summer Fair** is on Saturday 6th June. We are hoping to run a big raffle as part of the event, so please start thinking about whether there is anywhere you can be brave and ask for a voucher or gift. Letters authorising you to do so will be available next week.

We have a **Gardening Morning** on Saturday 7th March. Drop in any time for as long as you can between 9am and 12 noon. Coffee and cake provided!

Our **Church Cleaners** are always looking for more helpers for their regular church cleans. Talk to Tricia Stevens or Pauline Nissen if you can help.

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