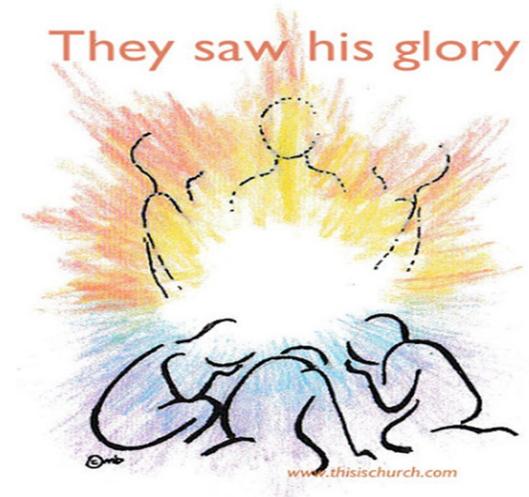


**Parishes of Elstead,
Thursley, Shackleford and Peper Harow**



Ordinary Time

Spiritual Communion

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The Gathering

HYMN

Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near,
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

The Greeting

As we approach Lent we pause to glimpse God's glory revealed in scripture and sacrament. As we watch in wonder Christ transfigured, we ask God to transform our lives, bringing us fresh commitment and courage to make God's glory known to others.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

The Blessing and the Sending Out

May God the Father, reveal to you the glory of the beloved Son.
May the Son walk alongside you to light your way.
May the Spirit transform you,
and inspire you in serving one another and your wider community,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Let us go in peace.

**We go into the world
to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love
and to reflect God's glory. Amen**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you that through this spiritual communion you have united us with 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.

HYMN

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to...

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.
O praise the name of the Lord!

Words of Welcome are said and Notices are given

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ was revealed in perfection to his disciples. We come in confession to reveal our failings and flaws, trusting in God's perfect mercy.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

For the times when we fail to recognise and acknowledge the glory of God.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For the times when we fail to recognise and honour God revealed in others.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

For the times when we fail to recognise
and fulfil our own God-given potential.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis ♪

**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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

♪ **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Sharing of Spiritual Communion

As I receive these gifts on behalf of all God's people gathered in
worship near and far today we pray together:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all you have given me,
and for all the pains and insults
you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.**

We praise God for his mighty acts.

♪ **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 in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We recall the Last Supper.
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen
Christ will come again
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 Collect

Silence is kept.

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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 2.1–12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3–6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

At the end of each reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord:
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of great trial
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'

The Peace

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

One of the following responses may be used

Lord of glory
Hear our prayer

or

Father, by your Spirit
Bring in your kingdom

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

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
Oh, the fields are as white in Your world
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!

Behold He comes riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes

Robin Mark

Gospel Reading: Mark 9.2–9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon

HYMN 🎵

Beauty For Brokenness
Hope For Despair
Lord, In Your Suffering
This Is Our Prayer
Bread For The Children
Justice, Joy, Peace
Sunrise To Sunset
Your Kingdom Increase!

Shelter For Fragile Lives
Cures For Their Ills
Work For The Craftsman
Trade For Their Skills
Land For The Dispossessed
Rights For The Weak
Voices To Plead The Cause
Of Those Who Can't Speak

*God Of The Poor
Friend Of The Weak
Give Us Compassion We Pray
Melt Our Cold Hearts
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Come, Change Our Love
From A Spark To A Flame*

Refuge From Cruel Wars
Havens From Fear
Cities For Sanctuary

Freedoms To Share
Peace To The Killing-Fields
Scorched Earth To Green
Christ For The Bitterness
His Cross For The Pain

Rest For The Ravaged Earth
Oceans And Streams
Plundered And Poisoned
Our Future, Our Dreams
Lord, End Our Madness
Carelessness, Greed
Make Us Content With
The Things That We Need

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Friend Of The Weak
Give Us Compassion We Pray
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Come, Change Our Love
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Lighten Our Darkness
Breathe On This Flame
Until Your Justice
Burns Brightly Again
Until The Nations
Learn Of Your Ways
Seek Your Salvation
And Bring You Their Praise

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Friend Of The Weak
Give Us Compassion We Pray
Melt Our Cold Hearts
Let Tears Fall Like Rain
Come, Change Our Love
From A Spark To A Flame [2]*