

**The Benefice of North Creake, South Creake with
Waterden, Syderstone with Barmer, and Sculthorpe**



Benefice Sung Mass Common Worship (Order One)

**The Sunday next before Lent
Sunday, 15th February 2026**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Revd Clive Wylie, OC (Rector)

THE GATHERING

Stand when the Sacristy bell is rung.

The Entrance Hymn is sung as the ministers come to the altar.

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of Heaven,
Bread of Heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer,
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises,
songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)
trans. Peter Williams (1727-1796) and others*

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

The priest introduces the Eucharist.

Kneel or sit for the Prayers of Penitence

Most merciful God,
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The Kyrie eleison is sung kneeling or sitting

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison.**

The priest says

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.**

Stand for Gloria in Excelsis

**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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**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. Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

The priest then says Let us pray.

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit and listen to the readings.

First Reading

A reading from the book of Exodus.

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.

Exodus 24:12-18

Responsorial Psalm

R You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats? Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against his anointed? **R**

‘Let us break their yoke’, they say; ‘let us cast off their bonds from us.’ He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord has them in derision.

R

Then he speaks to them in his wrath and his rage fills them with terror. ‘I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.’ Let me announce the decree of the Lord: he said to me, ‘You are my Son; this day have I begotten you. **R**

Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession. You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.’ **R**

And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him; Lest he be angry and you perish; for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **R**

Psalm 2

Second Reading

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

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.

2 Peter 1:16-21

Stand for the Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Then from the cloud came the voice of the Father: 'This is my Son, my Chosen: listen to him.' **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.'

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

Matthew 17:1-9

Sit for the Homily

A period of reflection follows the homily.

Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony, the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God, this is your God.*

Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience to death on a cross.
Suff'ring to give us life, conqu'ring through sacrifice,
and as they crucify prays: 'Father forgive.'

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,
love indestructible in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

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Stand for the Affirmation of Faith

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 *(Bow at the mention of the Incarnation)*
**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 priest then says Let us pray.

*Kneel or sit for **The Prayer of the Faithful***

Prayer is offered for the world and its people, for those who suffer and those in need, for the Church and its members.

After each clause one of the following responses may be used.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

or

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the petitions, the reader may introduce a period of silence in which personal petitions may be offered. After the silence, the priest concludes the prayers, by saying

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand for **The Peace***

The priest says

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give you.'
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

*During the **Offertory Hymn** the altar is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;

ye heavens, adore him,
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord!
thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen. Amen.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)
based on Psalms 148 and 150*

The Prayer over the Gifts is said by the priest.

Holy God,
let our prayer of thanksgiving
unite us to the praises of heaven,
in the glory of Christ,
who is alive for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Remain standing throughout 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.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

✠ **Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. ✠

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Our Lady Saint Mary, our holy father Benedict, Saint Columba, Saint Sigfrid, and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ✠ all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The priest invites the people to join in reciting **The Lord's Prayer***

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

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 priest continues

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**

*The **Agnus Dei** is said as the bread is broken*

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.

Giving of Communion

The priest then holds up the broken host and says

Jesus is 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.**

*The priest receives communion and then says the **Communion Antiphon**.*

When Christ is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.

1 John 3:2

All baptised Christians, who are in love and charity with their neighbours, are

invited to receive Holy Communion, in one or both kinds.

*If you are uncomfortable receiving the chalice, we ask that for reasons of hygiene you **do not intinct** (dip the host) in the chalice, but receive only the host. Holy Communion is received fully in either the host or the chalice.*

Others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those watching the live streamed service you may wish to make an act of Spiritual Communion, giving thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and asking him to be with you now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, 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.**

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

A period of reflection is observed while all continue to make their thanksgiving.

O Lord my God!
When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works
thy hands hath made;
I see the stars,
I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout
the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art!
How great thou art!
Then sings my soul,
my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art!
How great thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing
sweetly in the trees;
when I look down
from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God,
his Son not sparing,
sent him to die -
I scarce can take it in:
that on the Cross,
my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died
to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come
with shouts of acclamation
and take me home -
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow
in humble adoration,
and there proclaim,
my God, how great thou art!

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The priest then says Let us pray.

*Stand for the **Post Communion Prayer***

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.**

The Dismissal

The priest says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The priest then blesses the people.

Christ Jesus,
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself
that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest dismisses the congregation with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The **Recessional Hymn** is sung.*

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 they 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, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

*During the **Recessional Hymn** the ministers go to the image of Our Lady and Child where the **Angelus** is said.*

Angelus

The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary.
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it unto me according to thy Word.

Hail, Mary...
Holy Mary...

And the Word was made flesh. *(Bow or genuflect)*

And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary...

Holy Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his ✕ cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Postlude is played as the ministers return to the sacristy.



Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden

Sigfrid was most probably an Englishman sent by King Ethelred to assist in the evangelisation of Norway and Sweden in the eleventh century. He took with him two fellow missionaries, all three of whom were eventually consecrated bishops. Sigfrid was made Bishop of Vaxjo (pronounced Vek-sha) in Sweden, though his missionary journeys also took him into Denmark. He died in Vaxjo in 1045, much revered throughout Scandinavia. The Church commemorated him on 15th February.



Thomas Bray, Priest

Born at Marton in Shropshire in 1656, Thomas Bray was educated at Oxford and subsequently ordained. He was chosen by the Bishop of London to assist with the work of organising the church in Maryland in the USA but, during an extended delay in his setting out, he managed to organise a system of free libraries, initially for use in America but later instituted in England. This led to his founding the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge (SPCK) in 1698. On his return to Europe in 1699, he also founded The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (SPG). He died on 15th February 1730.



The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil but because of those who look on and do nothing.

Albert Einstein



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