

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



**Sunday 14 January 2021**  
***The Marriage at Cana***

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**Recorded at**  
**St John the Baptist, Flitton**

**Words of Welcome and Opening Prayers**

Rejoice, people of God  
Celebrate the life within you  
And Christ's presence in your midst

*All*     **Our eyes will be opened!**  
          **The present will have new meaning,**  
          **And the future will be bright with hope.**

Rejoice people of God  
Bow your heads before the One  
Who is our wisdom and strength.

*All*     **We place ourselves before God.**  
          **That we may be touched and cleansed**  
          **By the power of God's Spirit. Amen.**

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**Hymn: The King Is Among Us**

**1.** The King is among us  
His Spirit is here  
Let's draw near and worship  
Let songs fill the air

**3.** For each child is special  
Accepted and loved  
A love gift from Jesus  
To His Father above

**5.** The Spirit's anointing  
On all flesh comes down  
And we shall be channels  
For works like His own

**7.** The King is among us  
His Spirit is here  
Let's draw near and worship  
Let songs fill the air

**2.** He looks down upon us  
Delight in His face  
Enjoying His children's love  
Enthralled by our praise

**4.** And now He is giving  
His gifts to us all  
For no one is worthless  
And each one is called

**6.** We come now believing  
Your promise of power  
For we are Your people  
And this is Your hour

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## Confession and Assurance

Come near to God and he will come near to you. (*James4:8*)

God is gracious and merciful and knows our needs even before they reach our lips. We admit to God all that rests uneasily in our hearts. Confident of His love, let us make our confession.

*Beth Merrill Neel (modified)*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
*All* **slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
*All* **nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
*All* **so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy on us.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
*All* **so far has he set our sins from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children,  
*All* **so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
*All* **and all that is within me bless his holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
*All* **and forget not all his benefits.**

*cf Psalm 103*

*All* **Bring to my sinfulness  
the cleansing waters of your forgiveness,  
that having washed,  
I might know refreshment and release.**

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Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and you are free to love and serve.

**Amen.**

*Beth Merrill Neel*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 for ever. **Amen**

## The Word of God John 2:1-11 - Read by Jo Holt

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'<sup>4</sup> 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup>Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### Address

Let us declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Cf Ephesians 3*

### Hymn - Take my life and let it be - Frances R. Havergal, 1874

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| <b>1.</b> Take my life and let it be<br>Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.<br>Take my moments and my days,<br>Let them flow in endless praise.         | <b>2.</b> Take my hands and let them move<br>At the impulse of Thy love.<br>Take my feet and let them be<br>Swift and beautiful for Thee. |
| <b>3.</b> Take my voice and let me sing,<br>Always, only for my King.<br>Take my lips and let them be<br>Filled with messages from Thee.        | <b>4.</b> Take my silver and my gold,<br>Not a mite would I withhold.<br>Take my intellect and use<br>Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.   |
| <b>5.</b> Take my will and make it Thine,<br>It shall be no longer be mine.<br>Take my heart, it is Thine own,<br>It shall be Thy royal throne. | <b>6.</b> Take my love, my Lord, I pour<br>At Thy feet its treasure store.<br>Take myself and I will be<br>Ever, only, all for Thee.      |

## Prayers

Intercessions *led by Margaret Butt*

Bidding: In your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.**

## Closing prayers

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". (*Jer 29:11*)

May God,  
whose Son revealed his glory at a wedding in Cana,  
bring you the blessings of his presence.  
**Amen.**

May God,  
whose power turned water into wine,  
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.  
**Amen.**

May God, who works miracles in our lives,  
fill you with his Spirit,  
and change you day by day to reflect his glory,  
until that day when you see him face to face.  
**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with each one of you and those on your heart, today and always.  
**Amen.**

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## Tea at Three

Zoom time together  
each Sunday between  
3.00pm & 4.00pm.

A chance to catch up  
with others, laugh, moan,  
get things off your chest,  
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No agenda — just bring  
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