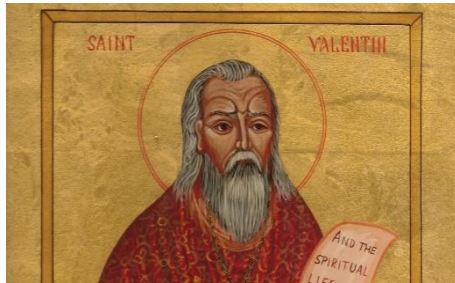


**Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Birtsmorton  
and Hollybush**



**Sunday next before Lent aka St Valentine's Day**

**Welcome** - do have a candle, glass of juice/wine and cracker/piece of bread ready

**HYMN**

**OPENING PRAYER**

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

**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.**

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.

As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

May Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

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## THE 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.  
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.**

**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.**

## THE COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:

set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to  
love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

## READINGS : 2 Kings 2:1-12, Mark 9:2-9

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

***(Please read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 at home)***

**REFLECTION** by the Right Rev Dr John Inge,  
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

***Please ask for any additional prayers***

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done ;  
in 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 PEACE

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name”, says the Lord, “there am I in the midst of them.”

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

## 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.**

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life and the  
bread of heaven.

**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.**

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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread  
and wine may be to us the body and blood of our  
Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed'  
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.  
 In the same way, after supper he took the cup and  
 gave you thanks;  
 he gave it to them saying; 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.

Great is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

And so Father, calling to mind his death on the  
 cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of  
 the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
 and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming  
 in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our  
 redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and  
 thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and  
 this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to  
 stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
 and gather into one in your kingdom  
 all who share this bread and this cup  
 so that we in the company of all your saints  
 may praise and glorify you for ever  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast**

**(consume)**

## **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.**

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this  
 physical and spiritual sacrament, united us with  
 Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly  
 banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## HYMN

## THE BLESSING

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**