

**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton  
for Thursday 21 January 2021  
Collect & readings**

*Collect*

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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.**

**Hebrews 7.25-8.6**

*Another Priest, Like Melchizedek, Mediator of a Better Covenant*

<sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save\* those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other\* high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

<sup>8</sup>Now the main point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2a</sup>a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent\* that the Lord, and not any mortal, has set up. <sup>3</sup>For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; hence it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. <sup>4</sup>Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. <sup>5</sup>They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent,\* was warned, 'See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.' <sup>6</sup>But Jesus\* has now obtained a more excellent ministry, and to that degree he is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted through better promises.

**Mark 3.7-12** *A Multitude at the Lakeside*

7 Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; <sup>8</sup>hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. <sup>9</sup>He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; <sup>10</sup>for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. <sup>11</sup>Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, 'You are the Son of God!' <sup>12</sup>But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.