

WORSHIP - 4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - 6 FEBRUARY 2021

Services in both churches at 10, and at St Matthew's at 6 pm. We meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - All people that on earth do dwell - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-1dQ8t03mE>

Today is the 70th anniversary of the Accession of HM The Queen. Here is a recording from ten years ago.

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments, and to live in love and peace with all.

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.**

The Gloria - Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHEm0Dbzizs>

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.

The Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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.**

New Testament reading - 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Shine Jesus shine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4hXI9ax2FY>

Gospel - Luke 5.1-11 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *my sermon is on the website*

The Nicene Creed

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 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.

Anthem – Who would true valour see, *words John Bunyan* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqqIcfX0W4M>

Prayers of Intercession

Father God, we pray for Your grace to be poured onto the people of the Ukraine, and those who are working towards a peaceful outcome of the border issues with the Russian authorities. We pray, also, for the people of Afghanistan, particularly women and girls who are unable to access education and their right to a fulfilled life. We pray for Your grace to give strength to all people suffering the effects of civil war and natural disasters. As citizens of the comfortable western world we owe it to our fellow people to take responsibility for the damage we are causing to the world's climate. We need to find little ways to reduce the impact of our prosperity, to minimise our use of plastic and to cut our carbon emissions. Lord, giver of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for Your grace to be poured onto those in positions of power in our own parliament and in local government. It is disappointing and disturbing when there is evidence of dishonesty, selfishness or discrimination against any group of society. We pray for all politicians to work for the common good, act with integrity and live lives based on grace, love and honesty. We pray for Her Majesty The Queen on this her Accession Day, and ask your blessing on her, and on us all as we celebrate her Platinum Anniversary with our communities. Lord, giver of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for Your grace to be poured onto the clergy, readers and all in positions of influence in all the local churches, especially St Edmund's and St Matthew's. We think about all those who are lonely, who feel unloved and who are struggling financially, emotionally or physically. We would ask for Your grace for all those individuals and families who are utilising the practical support of the food bank. Help us to give willingly and generously on each first Sunday. We pray for your grace on those who are sick, and we ask for Your continuing love for those who have died. We pray for those who mourn and for those who still feel a hole in their lives, left by the death of a loved one recently or longer ago. Lord, giver of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for Your grace to be poured onto all our families; the young, the old and everyone in between. Help us to understand their problems, support them appropriately and show them Your love as You have shown us. Lord, giver of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, giver of grace, help us to live by the example of Your son, Jesus so that we may show Your grace in our thoughts, words and deeds. Help us not to act hastily, to speak unkindly or to think any malicious thoughts. We are what we are by the grace of God and we do not want this grace to have been in vain. In the words of today's collect; 'Grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations.' Lord, giver of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Prayer from the Accession Service in the Book of Common Prayer

**Almighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world,
and dost order them according to thy good pleasure:**

**We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased,
as on this day, to set thy Servant our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
upon the Throne of this Realm.**

**Let thy wisdom be her guide, and let thine arm strengthen her;
let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness,
peace and charity, abound in her days;
direct all her counsels and endeavours to thy glory,
and the welfare of her subjects;
give us grace to obey her cheerfully for conscience sake,
and let her always possess the hearts of her people;
let her reign be long and prosperous,
and crown her with everlasting life in the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn - The National Anthem - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3dR7u7TPNo>

The Blessing

**God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all humanity, unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
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.**

Final music - Prelude on Te Deum, Marc-Antoine Charpentier

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws

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