

WORSHIP - 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT - 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Today we have no physical services in our churches, but we still 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 - The God of Abraham Praise - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvTgzJ2nZGo&t=29s>

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.

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought and word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbour 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 – Mass of St Thomas, *David Thorne* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns-1y2agLOs>

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament reading - Genesis 17.1-7,15-16 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1MN3chW1Hk>

Gospel - Mark 8.31-end - is printed on the blue noticessheet

Address - my sermon (and one from Clive) are 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 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INLQSDbboS0>

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy Holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting Life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words from the Book of Common Prayer - a more modern translation would be "Direct us, O Lord"

Music: William Byrd, 1543-1623

Prayers of Intercession

Lord God, we are younger than Abram and, like him, we pause and look up. As humans have done for thousands of years, we ponder, we connect with you, we come before you in prayer. Over the years we have learned that you are with us, that we can feel you close, we can talk to you, and we know you listen. Lord, we are finding life tough, finding church tough. Even in this spring time, where the snowdrops and daffodils lift our hearts, where there is promise of a roadmap to normality, we struggle. Thank you that you know us, you love us, you hold us. Strengthen us we pray, and help us to feel your love.

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

Our Gospel talks about suffering and rejection. We know, Lord, that you never reject us. That you made a covenant with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses, with David, that you journeyed with your people. We know that Lent leads through Holy Week and on to resurrection - we know that our lives will end in eternal glory with you through the blood of your Son. We pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer rejection and suffering. Lord, it hurts us when so much of our Society believes we are irrelevant, when our work is ignored or belittled. We know that in many parts of the world Christians are persecuted, tortured, that our brothers and sisters suffer for what they believe. We hold them in our love and our prayers, and ask Lord that they may know your strength. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for this dark world. We know that there is so much suffering. For men, women and children who live in places of war and violence. For those who escape this violence, and find themselves unwanted, hated, turned-back, abused, exploited. For many in our country who suffer because they are exploited, neglected, because power and wealth is concentrated elsewhere. We know that thousands of people are desperate for

work, frightened for their future, struggling to feed their families, suffering mentally and physically. Help us Lord, to fight for justice, for light, for your Kingdom. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the continuing battle against Covid. We are struggling to find something new to say, to put our feelings into words. We pray for our medical, our hospital, workers. We pray for those who cope with their illness, and the illness of those they love. We pray for our residential homes, especially for those in our parishes. We name before you people for whom we are especially concerned. We pray for friends locally, and we pray for the Duke of Edinburgh, for Her Majesty The Queen and their family, may they know your love and strength. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the next few weeks and months. For schools and universities, for our business communities, for shops, pubs, cafes, heritage sites. For the places we value, the people we value, all the challenges of this summer. For our government, our Members of Parliament, for our City and County Councils. For wisdom, justice, vision, and patience. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the life of the church. For our Lenten journey, our friends in Allestree Churches Together, in our Deanery. For our Bishops Libby and Malcolm, for our PCC Standing Committees as we plan for the re-opening of our buildings. For our faith, our witness, our journey.

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

We give thanks that Lent leads to Easter. We pray for those who have died, those we miss so much. Lord, we thank you that you are with all generations, past, present and future. 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.

Hymn - Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-D_aT8CXyc

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him,
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 - in honour of the NASA Perseverance Rover, David is going to play us Life on Mars, David Bowie - you can have the original version - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZKcl4-tcuo>

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