

# WORSHIP - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - 13 FEBRUARY 2022

*Today we have services in both churches at 10 am, meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website, and have Choral Evensong at St Edmund's at 6 pm. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.*

**Hymn - All my hope on God is founded** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3LCGh02Vew>

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** - <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**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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 15.12-20** - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

**Hymn - Blest are the pure in heart** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8h3fvk9wGY>

**Gospel - Luke 6.17-26** - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

**Address** - *Peter's 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 – Beati mundo corde** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSUHYufofqc>

*Words: Matthew 5.8-10, Music: Grayston Ives*

Beati mundo corde, quoniam ipsi Deum videbunt.  
Beati pacifici, quoniam filii Dei vocabuntur.  
Beati qui persecutionem patiuntur propter iustitiam  
quoniam ipsorum est regnum coelorum.

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of  
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

**Prayers of Intercession**, written by Louise Whittaker

Lord we bring before you the deep divisions of our world and especially the potentially escalating issues between Russia and the Ukraine. We pray for vision to see and for faith to believe in a world that is emancipated from hatred and violence and where we each love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask today too for your grace and your generosity in our national life. Look over us Lord we pray in this time of turmoil for our government where weakness, rivalry and vanity are all negatively influencing and threatening the governance of our country. We ask for the presence of your holy spirit to bring wisdom and truth, humility, forgiveness and justice in all things. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those of us who trust in you Lord. Help us therefore Father to place our trust forever in you and help us to try and acknowledge you at all times. As we read today that you test our minds and search our hearts, we pray that we can be ever mindful of the choices we make, the words we speak and the actions that we undertake. Help us to be faithful to your word alone and not measure ourselves according to the world's standards or our own foolish comparisons. Fill us with your spirit in order to strengthen us Lord and remind us, as we start to forge ahead in our everyday lives, to listen out for your whispered words of reassurance and guidance. Help us to show your love to our neighbours, to speak of hope and to embody courage, to live indeed in faith and in bold confidence in you. We pray that in this way kindness, compassion and generosity can take precedence over greed and power and that your light can draw others to faith in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, we ask that you pour your blessings on all who care for the vulnerable and all who work long hard hours for the NHS and look after the sick. We pray for those who make sacrifices for the sake of their families, we pray for the children of broken homes and we pray for those who help bring food to the hungry. We ask that you bring help and support too to those who are in debt. Send your comfort, your peace and your calming presence we pray, to those who are despairing and without hope. And so we ask that when times are hard, you guide us all through our darkest and weakest moments. We pray for each one of us as we struggle in body, mind and spirit. Give us the assurance of your blessings and your grace we pray Lord when we call out to you in times of need. We keep in our prayers especially those who are known to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Finally merciful God, we ask that you give courage and faith to those who are bereaved. We ask that by casting their cares upon you, they may find strength to face the days ahead. We give our thanks for the lives of the dearly departed and we pray that they are now risen to a new life and are at rest and peace with you in your eternal kingdom.

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 - Through all the changing scenes of life - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ox1r0OzIwoo>**

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 - Elizabethan Serenade, Ronald Binge - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4XgblhlOvk>**

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