

Morning Prayer together and apart



Sunday 28th February: Lent 2

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name. Great is your love.

Lord God, early in the morning, when the world was young, you made life in all its beauty and terror, you gave birth to all that we know. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, when the world least expected it, a new born child crying in a manger, announced that you had come among us, that you were one of us. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning, surrounded by respectable liars, religious leaders, anxious statesmen and silent friends, you accepted the penalty for doing good, for being God: you shouldered and suffered the cross. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.





Early in the morning, a voice in the guarded graveyard and footsteps in the dew, proved that you had risen, that you came back to those and for those who had forgotten, denied and destroyed you. Hallowed be your name.

Hallowed be your name.

Early in the morning in the multi-coloured company of your Church on earth and in heaven we celebrate your creation, your life, your death and resurrection, your interest in us: so to you we pray

**Lord, bring your life where we are worn and tired,
new love where we have turned hard-hearted, forgiveness
where we feel hurt and where we feel wounded,
and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are
prisoners of ourselves. Amen**

Silence

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us:

Lord God,

we have sinned against you;

we have done evil in your sight.

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

Renew a right spirit within us

and restore us to the joy of your salvation,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

With all creation

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
The unfolding purposes of God for ever at work in
ourselves and in the world.**



Listening and Responding to God's Word

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty' walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
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No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



New Testament Reading

Mark 8.31-end

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life will save it.

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For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: *Be thou my vision*





**Christ died for our sins
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he was buried;
 he was raised to life on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 afterwards he appeared to his followers,
 and to all the apostles:
 this we have received,
 and this we believe.
 Amen.**



The Creed

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

**for by his will they were created
 and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

**for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
 from every tribe and language,
 from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and Bride say, 'Come!'
 Even so come, Lord Jesus!**

Special Prayer for Today

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Prayers of Intercession

The response to

Lord in your mercy
is **hear our prayer**

and at the end

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



concluding with:



**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

Going out to serve God



Notices

Blessing

May God bless you;
may God keep you in the Spirit's care,
and lead your lives with love.

**May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts
and Christ's own peace prevail
through this and every day,
till greater life shall call.
Amen**

If you'd like to stay and chat on zoom there will be break out rooms for 5 minutes.

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