

Order of service for 28th February 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the Second Sunday of Lent. Welcome if you are joining us on Zoom or following the service at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather to worship our loving God. Let us take a moment to still ourselves in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Through the psalmist, God says, 'Be Still, and know that I am God!' Let us come into God's presence and still our hearts. Let us come together to listen to God. Let us be still and know that God is indeed God. *There is a moment of stillness and quite.*

A gathering prayer

Holy God, as we gather now, help us to be more aware of who you are. Give us the courage to admit when we don't understand, so that we might grow more like you in all we do. **Amen**

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer, and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of penitence

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. *Silence.*

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of the Second Sunday of Lent

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**

Bible reading: Roman 4: 13-end

A prayer of thanksgiving

Lord, we give thanks that you know us by name; that you know our hopes and dreams; everything we have been and everything we might become. Lord, because we know you, we are being changed, becoming more like you. Lord, we give thanks that you know us by name. **Amen**

Hymn: I the lord of Sea and sky

Bible Reading: Mark 8: 31-end

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Hymn: Take my life

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Gathered as the Church of God, members of the Body of Christ, let us pray together. *Silence.*

Fill your Church, O Lord, with life and energy, spiritual health, and vitality. Help us to grow more like you; may we exercise your loving, minister with your tenderness and grace, serve with your humility and love and co-operate with your vision. Give us strength and courage to resist all that distracts us from you, from following your ways and from being the people you have call us to be. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Fill your world, O Lord, with wonder at creation, recognition of our mutual human responsibility, desire for reforming what is at fault, and hope in the possibilities of living at peace. We pray for peacekeepers and peace makers and for all those who strive for justice in our world. We pray for the leaders of the nations and all those in position of leadership, fill them with your wisdom and integrity and heart of service. May the leaders of the world work together to protect the environment and to support the vulnerable. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Fill our homes and neighbourhoods, O Lord, with the generosity and trust that allows space but is always ready to encourage and support. May we cherish our bodies, minds and spirits as temples containing your spirit, and honour one another as people made in the image of God and beloved of God. We pray for our local schools are they prepare for the return of all pupils next week and all staff, children, and families. We pray for those who have found this week particularly difficult and challenging, for whatever reason, my they find the strength, support, and hope they need. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are ill at home or in hospital, for all in emergency surgery or in casualty, for those undergoing treatment or waiting for test results and a diagnosis, for those who have injuries or illnesses that will change their lives. In a moment of silence, we name before you any known to us who are suffering this day whether in body, mind, or spirit. *Silence.* Surround them and those who love and care for them with your healing, love and peace. We pray for the work of all who heal and comfort, all how visit and care for the sick and all who counsel the distressed. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying and those who love them; we pray for those who have completed this life and have made the journey through death. We pray for all those who are grieving at this time, surround them with love, support, comfort, and hope. We pray for the work of those who comfort the bereaved. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* Fill our hearts, O Lord, with thankfulness and praise as we recall your faithfulness and live in your love. Merciful Father; **accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also, with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Will you come and follow me

We go out

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, give us hope, give us love, give us grace, and give us a voice to spread God's hope, love, and grace to the world around us. **Amen**

The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen, and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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