



Worship for Sunday 7th March 2021

Good morning and welcome to our service on this the Third 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.**

The heavens tell of the glory of God, and creation proclaims the knowledge of God. From the rising of the sun to its setting all the earth witness to the presence of God. **Let us worship the Lord our God.**

Hymn: Praise to the holiest

Gathering prayer

Holy God, as we meet together today, we ask that you renew our love for you. Open our eyes to see fresh things, open our ears to hear with more clarity, open our minds to recognise new ideas – that we may be willing to grow and change and to become more like your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *Silence.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon 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 for the third Sunday in Lent

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; **O my God, in you I trust.**
You are the God of my salvation, **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
In you I hope all the day long. **O my God, in you I trust.**
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Hymn: How deep the father's love for us

Reading: John 2: 13-22

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**

A prayer

In temper and storms, in tears and rain, in joy and sunshine, Jesus has walked before us. And Jesus still walks with us. Jesus, let me know your presence in all that I think, feel, or do. **Amen**

Hymn: Be thou my vision

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

As God has called us, so we have come to pray. Let us pray.

We pray for the Church throughout the world, for our Archbishops Justin and Stephen, Bishops Rachel and Robert, for all church leaders and for all congregations. Wherever the Church is dry and parched may the water of your Spirit well up to refresh and renew, to bring life and strong new growth. Lord fill us with your wisdom and grace, help us to be your witness, your hands, your feet here on earth as we share the good news of the gospel with the world around us. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world in all its beauty and richness; give us the desire to share our planet's food and resources, to care for its people's well-being, and to foster peace and justice for all. We pray for sensitivity in handling delicate negotiations and the wisdom which respects and listens. In a moment of silence, we bring before you any story from the news that has particularly touched our hearts this week. *Silence.* Bring into these situations your love, justice, and peace. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayers.**

We pray for those we love – those we see each day and those we deeply miss; help us to cherish one another as we live the loving ways of your commands. We pray for our local community and for all the communities of which we are a part, may love, kindness and respect shine through our common life together. We pray for those who feel lonely or lost, for families and relationships that are struggling, for all who are stressed or anxious and all those who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing. May they find the love, friendship and support they need at this time. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We stand alongside those who are suffering, whether in body, mind, or spirit, and long for your healing and comfort, your strength and hope, and in a moment of silence, we name before you any known to us. *Silence.* Surround them with your healing, peace, and comfort. Make us more sensitive to the needs of those around us and more ready to respond with loving service. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died and for those who miss their physical presence. Have mercy on them; may they, and we in our turn rest in your eternal peace. Surround all those who are grieving at this time with your peace, love, and hope. Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence and stillness we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.* We give you thanks for the loving example of Jesus, who was obedient even to death and strengthen us in all goodness. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's prayer

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of 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: All my hope on God is founded

We go out

We came together to worship God. We have read God's word. We have prayed and sung songs. Now we go into God's world: to be God's people wherever we are called to go. Let us go in Christ's name. **Amen**

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.**

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