

# **Second Sunday of Lent Service of Prayer and Praise**

(with liturgy adapted from the  
2021 World Day of Prayer)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 10.30am**



*Please join us after this service on Zoom for fellowship and conversation.*

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## **The Greeting**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Word of welcome are given.*

## **Call to Worship**

Jesus invites us to a way of celebration,  
meeting and feasting with the humble and poor.  
**All Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus beckons us to a way of risk,  
letting go of our security.  
**All Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus challenges us to listen to the voices  
of those who have nothing to lose.  
**All Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus points us to a way of self-giving,  
where power and status are overturned.  
**All Let us walk his way with joy.**

Jesus calls us to follow the way of the cross,  
where despair is transformed  
by the promise of new life.

**All** Let us walk his way with joy.

## Musical Meditation – *An upper room*

### Time of Confession

Let us confess our wrong actions to God, who is faithful and just,  
and ask for forgiveness.

*We have a time of silent reflection.*

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
We stand before your house of grace to confess our sins.  
We confess that we have listened to your word  
but have not acted on it.  
Often, we do the things we ought not to do  
and leave undone the things we ought to do.

We face adversities and challenges in our homes and nations.  
We try to build our homes,  
thinking we are building on the words of Jesus Christ,  
but actually, we have built on sand.  
We want to be changed so that we do what is right and just.  
We know we can change.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself  
and cleanse us from all our sins,  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

### Collect

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.

**All** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

<sup>1</sup> When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. <sup>2</sup> Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

<sup>3</sup> Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. <sup>7</sup> I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

<sup>15</sup> God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 22.23-end (adapted)

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

**All Be not far from me, O Lord**

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**All Be not far from me, O Lord**

He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

**All Be not far from me, O Lord**

They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**All Be not far from me, O Lord**

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 7.21-29**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon – Peggy Sear (build on a strong foundation)**

**Hymn – All my hope of God is founded**

**All** **All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tow’r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God’s pow’r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow’r.**

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all  
ye who follow shall not fall.

## The Apostles' Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Between each petition:*

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

*At the end the following may be said:*

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

*When we have prayed together, we say the Lord's Prayer:*

**All** 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.

## **The Peace**

May our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour  
bring about a spiritual rebirth and a deep inner peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** and also with you.

*We offer one another a sign of peace.*

## **Church Notices**

**Worship Song – For all You've done**  
(performed by Sara, Claire, Mike, Lyn and Richard)

For all You've done  
For all You're going to do  
We give You thanks  
And lift our praise to You

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For we know  
That all things work together  
For our good

We give thanks  
We give praise

For by faith  
We know Your grace  
Will see us through

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For we know  
That all things work together  
For our good

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For by faith  
We know Your grace  
Will see us through

For all those things  
That we don't understand  
We come by faith  
And place them in Your hands

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For we know  
That all things work together  
For our good

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For by faith  
We know Your grace  
Will see us through

Even if we stumble  
Even if we fall  
You will not forsake us  
You are King and Lord of all  
Lord of all

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For we know  
That all things work together  
For our good

We give thanks  
We give praise  
For by faith  
We know Your grace  
Will see us through

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## **Sending out**

We welcome God's dwelling presence in and with us.  
Let God guide you, lead you, restore you and heal you.  
Let God's will be done in your house as it is in heaven.

Remember that everyone who hears the words of Jesus  
and acts on them will be like a wise person  
and their house will withstand the floods.  
Go and build your house on Jesus' words.  
Go blessed in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

**All** **Jesus' word is our strong foundation.**  
**We will follow Jesus – the Way, the Truth and the Life.**  
**Amen.**

## **Conclusion**

Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity.  
Set your minds on the ways of God,  
not clinging to your own life,  
but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

May God give you a share in the eternal covenant;  
May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory;  
May the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith  
and lead you in the ways of righteousness.



And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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