

Third Sunday of Lent

Service of Prayer and Praise

Sunday 7th March 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

Loving God,
we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.
You are greater than we can understand;
**All open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;
**All help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;
**All still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

Loving God, in Jesus
you chose to come to the world in humility.
You chose the path the world saw as foolish.
You used what the world considered weak.
All We worship and adore you. Amen.

Musical Meditation – Love Unknown

Time of Confession

Jesus, cleanser of temples and souls,
at this mid-point in the Lenten journey,
look deep within our hearts and our lives,
and clear away all that holds us back.

May our minds, spirits and bodies
be a Temple that is open to Your presence:
and may our words and our actions
be transparent to Your love and truth.

We pray that this church community,
will be purified in its life and mission,
so that all that we do in and from here
may reveal Your Gospel to others.

In a moment of silence we sit before You,
and name those things for which
we seek Your cleansing and healing,
so that we may be more faithful disciples.

We have a time of silent reflection

Friends of Jesus, we are made clean
by the words he has spoken to us.
There is room in our lives and in our community
for the Holy One to dwell.

**All Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 20.1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus, the twentieth chapter, reading from the first verse:

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸ “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labour and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² “Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall not murder.

¹⁴ “You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ “You shall not steal.

¹⁶ “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

¹⁷ “You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 19

The law of the LORD is perfect;
it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple.

All Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The precepts of the LORD are right;
they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear;
it gives light to the eyes.

All Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
abiding forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true;
they are, all of them, just.

All Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer!

All Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Gospel Reading – John 2.13-22

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰ They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn – *Jesu, lover of my soul*

All Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the gath’ring waters roll.
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover from ev’ry sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Affirmation of Faith

All I believe in God the Creator,
who made me and all things,
who set me on my path in this world.

**I believe in God the Saviour,
who is one with the Creator,
who rescued me and all creation.
This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,
walked a path through this world,
taking on human form having been born of a woman
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.
He walked God's path to death on a cross,
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.**

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counsellor and guide,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
who through the body and blood of Jesus
brings me into communion with all people,
past, present and future;
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,
being God's hands and feet in the world.**

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

Jesus says to his disciples,
'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Church Notices

Worship Song – There is none like you
(performed by Sara)

There is none like You
No one else can touch my heart like You do
And I could search for all eternity, Lord
And find, there is none like You

There is none like You
No one else can touch my heart like You do
And I could search
I could search for all eternity, Lord
And find, there is none like You

Your mercy flows like a river so wide
And healing comes from Your hand
And suffering children are safe in Your arms
There is none like You

Instrumental

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Sending Out

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

All Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

All Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

All Amen.

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

All Amen.

**All O God, you are the sending one
who calls us into community
with each other
to love and work,
to support and heal.**

**You are the sending one
who calls us into community
with all people;
to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.**

**You are the sending one
who calls us into community
with the whole creation;
to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

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