

WORSHIP - 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - 7 MARCH 2021

Today we have no physical services in our churches, but we still meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

Hymn - Just as I am, without one plea - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enJ8JzW_A48

Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned

in thought and word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are,

and direct what we shall be;

that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Kyrie – Mass of St Thomas, David Thorne - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ns-1y2agLOs>

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

The 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. Amen.**

Old Testament reading - Exodus 20.1-17 - is printed on the blue noticesheet

Hymn - God be in my head, and in my understanding https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCik9Us_K2A

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

Gospel - John 2.13-22 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *my sermon (and one from Clive) are on the website*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6OxrZCyp8>

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and evermore. Amen.

Words from 'Lydley's Prayers', in Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations (1568) - Henry Bull (c.1530-1577)

Music: Richard Farrant, circa 1525 - 1580

Prayers of Intercession, *written by Clive Lemmon*

Just as Jesus purged the Temple at Jerusalem, we pray that he will purge his church today of all those accretions that hinder her in fulfilling her true calling of ministering the things of God to the world and building up his kingdom. We pray for the Church of England, for the Diocese of Derby, for Bishop Libby and for all Christian ministers and communities in our land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that, as we proceed on our Lenten journey, we may find we are following Jesus more and more closely, facing up to all the fears and anxieties that beset us, but focussing on him crucified, and finding in him solace and strength to pursue our course with boldness, wherever it leads, certain in the hope that our ultimate destination is glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, remembering especially those places where the general horrors of the pandemic are made worse by other catastrophes. We think of the people of Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan, and all the other places that drop out of the news headlines, but where the suffering continues unabated. We pause to remember particular situations that trouble us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in power round the globe, whose decisions affect the lives of millions, and, indeed, the future of the planet. We pray for them wisdom and true discernment, that they might subordinate personal ambition to the quest for peace, justice and the good of all. We pray for Queen Elizabeth and her ministers, and all our national and local leaders, as they seek to negotiate these turbulent times and pray that they may, in all their doings, seek equity in a spirit of generosity. We pray for those planning for a world emerging from the ravages of the plague, that they might have an enlarged vision and that their plans might manifest a largeness of heart. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks and pray for all those who continue to work tirelessly for an end to this current plague.
For the scientists developing vaccines and treatments,
For those involved in the administration of vaccines,
For those keeping track of infection,
For the medical and ancillary staff in hospitals,
For those caring for people in residential and care homes,
For those in our communities caring for the sick and infirm,
For those keeping essential services running.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those involved in the care and education of children, for those who have been brought low by the challenges of home-schooling and for all preparing now for the general return to schools tomorrow. We remember all the schools in our benefice, and especially the children and staff at Walter Evans School.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and suffering, those who have contracted Covid-19, those who are living with its long-term effects, those with other ailments, and those whose treatment has been delayed. We pray for those made ill with worry, those in financial need, those who are afraid for their future. We pray for those who feel isolated and alone, those separated from loved ones and those who feel deserted by their families and cannot understand why. We pray for those at the point of death, those who have died and those who mourn. In a moment's silence we recall those who are on our hearts.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our local communities and for all the signs of care, concern and love that have been made manifest in them over the past difficult year. We give thanks for the heartening effects of brighter, longer days, for the burgeoning of nature in the spring days, and we pledge ourselves afresh to play our part in the building up of God's Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And we pray, as Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - God is working his purpose out - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liuxet4pJ-c>

The Blessing

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.**

Final music - Chorale prelude for organ, based on the Lutheran tune 'Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele' (Adorn yourself, O my soul, with gladness) *Johannes Brahms*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6WU43BKp7M>