

Sunday Morning Worship

7th March 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent



"The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another."

Psalm 16:1-2

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Worship - Hymn 219 - From Heav'n you came, Helpless Babe

From heaven you came helpless babe
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve
and give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet Not my will but Yours', He said

*This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for Christ we're serving

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He calls us now to follow Him
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

Confession

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith...

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,

as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

Absolution

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

Collect of the Day

Merciful Lord,
Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kids Slot
Psalm 19

Affirmation of Faith – 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.*

Bible Reading –
Sermon

Prayers and Intercessions

The response to each section of prayer – when you hear the phrase –

Gracious God, please respond – **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God,

Hear our prayer.

As we offer our prayers for the world and for ourselves we will share in times of silence, allowing us to reflect on the needs of others and on our own experiences.

As we reflect, it may be that God will speak into that silence and help us to understand the world and our lives in new ways.

We remember creation, breathed into life by God's Holy Spirit: places of beauty and brilliance, places of grandeur and spectacle, places of extravagant diversity. We pray, creating God, for places damaged and degraded, for people scraping a living from land made fruitless by human greed.

Silence

Help us to live sparingly and to care for creation.

Gracious God: **Hear our prayer.**

We remember humanity, breathed into life by God's Holy Spirit: people of beauty and brilliance, people of gifts and grace, people of extravagant diversity. We pray, healing God, for people whose lives are diminished because they live with their own or another's mental illness; for people facing the stigma caused by misunderstanding about mental illness; for people struggling to find help when they need it.

Silence

Help us to be welcoming, helpful and more aware of those things that make for mental well-being for others and ourselves.

Gracious God: **Hear our prayer.**

We remember humanity in crisis, God is in control even though life is tough, God has a purpose for every life even in continued lockdown, God has a provision for every need even when we reach our limits. We pray for all those making tough decisions and who are in daily danger by doing their tasks of work.

Silence

Heavenly Father draw close in our time of great need and motivate us to care, act and pray.

Gracious God: **Hear our prayer.**

We remember the Church, breathed into life by God's Holy Spirit: a community of beauty and brilliance a community of love and compassion a community of extravagant diversity. We pray, inspiring God, for denominations working out how to be one family, offering an effective witness to your love in the world; for churches trying to plan what the future holds; for ourselves and people in our own families and community who need to be understood, accepted and loved.

Silence

Help us to be willing to change ourselves and inspired to change the world.

Gracious God: **Hear our prayer.**

In the name of Christ. *Amen*

The Lord's Prayer

Let's say together:

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.

Closing Worship – Hymn 231 – My Song is Love Unknown

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that they might lovely be.
O who am I,
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?

He came from His blessed throne
salvation to bestow;
but we made strange, and none
the longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
my Friend indeed,
who at my need
His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew His way,
and His sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
is all their breath,
and for his death
they thirst and cry.

In life, no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death, no friendly tomb,
but what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home;
but mine the tomb
wherein He lay.

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father...
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***