

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 22nd March .
Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,
committed to being a church
of Up (worship & prayer),
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome by Revd Grant

Pause as we draw near to the Lord...

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.
All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song:

We have come together
in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God



Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand.'

So let us turn away from our sin
and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness
May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All and in our song will we praise our God.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos
you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us
in your image.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 23.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

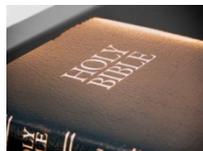
Song

Scripture Readings

Old Testament : 1 Samuel 16:1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



New Testament: John 9 (entire chapter)

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Canticle

*The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah, Luke 1)
is said together*

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore
to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet
of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Luke 1.68-79

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

Sermon (*there will be an audio file available as
well*)

Song

The Apostles Creed
We declare our faith.

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

The Prayers of the People

Intercessions

Response: Lord hear us,
All Lord graciously hear



Collect Prayers

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross
drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings
of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory
that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Going out as God's People

Final Song

Church Life Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look kindly upon you
and give you his peace
The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We finish with praying the grace together...

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore. **Amen**