

**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 29th March .  
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins).

**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 to be still, as I re-center my scattered  
senses upon the presence of God...*

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 God of our salvation,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,  
your only Son was lifted up  
that he might draw the whole world to himself.  
May we walk every day in the way of the cross  
and always be ready to share its weight,  
declaring your love for all the world.

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 36:5-9**

- <sup>5</sup>Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.
- <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness is like the highest  
mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.  
You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.
- <sup>7</sup>How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!  
People take refuge in the shadow of your  
wings.
- <sup>8</sup>They feast in the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from your river of delights.
- <sup>9</sup>For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.

**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.**

### **Scripture Readings**

New Testament : Romans 8:5-28

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**     **Thanks be to God.**



### **Song**

New Testament: John 11:1-45

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:*

Come, Lord, revive us.

**All Renew your people.**



### Collect Prayers

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion  
and sufferings,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
asking this in and through the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do  
for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we also do for you:  
in these days, give us the will  
to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
In your name. **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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourself,  
to take up the cross and follow him.  
And the Blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and now and forever. **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**