

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 21st
February. First 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

Brief 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.

Opening Prayer...

All Loving God

We have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith

To sing your praise with gratitude

And to listen to your word with eagerness;

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song : Good Good Father

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days
Christians have observed with great
devotion the time of our Lord's passion and
resurrection and prepared for this by
a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to
heart the call to repentance and
the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the
gospel, and so grow in faith and in
devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church,
to the observance of a holy Lent,
by self-examination and repentance; by prayer,
fasting, and self-denial; and by reading
and meditating on God's holy word.

(We pray together)

**All Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Let us hear the characteristics and witness of the
kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after
righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for
righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Let us confess our failures to keep this way of
truth and life.

Silence to reflect...

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

Absolution.

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. **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 glory and praise forever.
In the darkness of our sin, you have shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence, that freed from the misery of sin and shame, we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 25

- 1 In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.
- 2 I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.
- 4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9 He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.
- 10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
- 11 For the sake of your name, Lord,
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.
- 12 Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.
- 13 They will spend their days in prosperity,
and their descendants will inherit the land.
- 14 The Lord confides in those who fear him;
he makes his covenant known to them.

15 My eyes are ever on the Lord,
for only he will release my feet from the snare.
16 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am lonely and afflicted.
17 Relieve the troubles of my heart
and free me from my anguish.

18 Look on my affliction and my distress
and take away all my sins.

19 See how numerous are my enemies
and how fiercely they hate me!

20 Guard my life and rescue me;
do not let me be put to shame,
for I take refuge in you.

21 May integrity and uprightness protect me,
because my hope, Lord, is in you.

22 Deliver Israel, O God,
from all their troubles!

**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 : Genesis 9: 8-17

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song : Faithful One



Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant (Lent)

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,
that you should follow in his steps.

**2 He committed no sin,
no guile was found on his lips,
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

**4 Christ himself bore our sins
in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin and live to
righteousness.**

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,
for you were straying like sheep,
but have now returned
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.
1 Peter 2.21b-25

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Sermon

Hymn: And can it be

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 in your mercy
Hear our Prayer.



**Which includes some regular prayers we will
pray through Lent...**

Collect Prayers

Generous God,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
to you we present our financial gifts,
symbol of the work you have given us to do;
use it, use us,
in the service of your world
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days of Lent,
to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

O Lord my God do not be far from me.
My God have regard to help me.
I have many thoughts
and great fears afflicting my soul.
How will I pass through unhurt?
How will I break them to pieces?

This is my hope, my one only consolation,
to flee to you in every tribulation, to trust in You,
to call on You from my inmost heart,
and to wait patiently for your consolation.
Amen.

Holy Spirit, when I feel alone, I am comforted,
because You pray *with* me.
When I silenced by suffering, I am grateful that
You pray *through* me.
And Jesus when I feel helpless, I am strengthened
because You're with the Father right now,
praying *for* me.
Amen. (Romans 8:34)

Let's pray to our Father...

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

Announcements.

Alpha – Tuesday evening March 2nd start. Weekly until the end of April. Is there someone you would like to invite? Would you like to attend?

March 20th – Saturday morning 10-12noon – teaching morning, via Zoom, on the Psalms led by John Harris.

Final Song: Whom shall I fear

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
and give you grace to deny yourselves,
take up your cross, and follow him,
and the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

The Peace.

May the Peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

God's seal on our prayer...

We invite you to not only share the Peace with

whom you are gathered but to message someone in the church community 'Peace be with you'.

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