

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 7th February.
Second Sunday before 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 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: Good Good Father

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

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me
shall never walk in darkness but shall have the
light of life."

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and
confess them in penitence and faith.

Silence to reflect

**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. **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 creator of all.
To you be praise and glory forever;
As your dawn renews the face of the earth
Bringing light and life to all creation,
may we rejoice in this day you have made.
As we wake refreshed from the depths of sleep,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that around us, the streets,
our neighbours, our relatives,
may rejoice and give you 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. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

We open our ears to God's word and open our hearts to yield to his will once again...

Psalm 23

¹The 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.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

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

**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

Old Testament : Genesis 24 (entire chapter)

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



Hymn: It is well

New Testament: John 5:17-23

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus is said together

**All 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 ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

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

Song: Jesus be the centre

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.



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.**

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, look with compassion upon the whole
human family;
take away the arrogance, and hatred that infect
our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us;
unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggles, pandemics and
confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth;
That, in your good time, all nations and races
may serve you in harmony;
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

Announcements.

Ash Wednesday on Wednesday 17th February. We will provide an additional online service for that day as we begin Lent. Also there will be a Live Zoom Service on Ash Wednesday evening. Link provided as usual via the Email Newsletter.

Alpha – Tuesday evening March 2nd start. Weekly until the end of April.

Charitable Giving.

The work of Illyricum Movement - whose coordinator is Edi Demo - is focused on planting new churches among the unreached in Albania. That will be our charitable giving focus next month. To know more about Illyricum why not ask Peter Gillies or Andrew Tucker who both know Edi and have visited the work in Tirana.

Final Song: The Lord's my shepherd

Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
Teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
To accept his truth more faithfully,
And to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father....

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**
Blessing

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