

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 21st 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

Brief Welcome by Revd Grant.

As we now enter the last two weeks of Lent, we enter Passiontide. We focus increasingly in our liturgy and bible readings upon the Passion, the Suffering of our Lord...

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.

Opening Song: 10,000 Reasons

Prayers of Penitence

Throughout Lent we have been reminded of the Beatitudes. Let us hear again 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.

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the tree, so that free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds, we have been healed.

Silence to reflect...

Let us confess our sins.

All Lord Jesus Christ, we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease rather than watch with you:
Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us rather than stretch out our hands to bless:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:

Lord, forgive us.

Christ have mercy.

Absolution.

Almighty God

Who forgives all who truly repent

Have mercy upon you

Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

And keep you in life eternal,

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 while 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.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 119:9-32

⁹ How can a young person stay pure?

By obeying your word.

10 I have tried hard to find you—

don't let me wander from your commands.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart,

that I might not sin against you.

12 I praise you, O Lord;

teach me your decrees.

13 I have recited aloud

all the regulations you have given us.

14 I have rejoiced in your laws

as much as in riches.

15 I will study your commandments

and reflect on your ways.

16 I will delight in your decrees

and not forget your word.

Gimel

17 Be good to your servant,

that I may live and obey your word.

18 Open my eyes to see

the wonderful truths in your instructions.

19 I am only a foreigner in the land.

Don't hide your commands from me!

20 I am always overwhelmed

with a desire for your regulations.

21 You rebuke the arrogant;

those who wander from your commands are
cursed.

22 Don't let them scorn and insult me,

for I have obeyed your laws.

23 Even princes sit and speak against me,

but I will meditate on your decrees.

24 Your laws please me;

they give me wise advice.

Daleth

25 I lie in the dust;

revive me by your word.

26 I told you my plans, and you answered.

Now teach me your decrees.

27 Help me understand the meaning of your
commandments,

and I will meditate on your wonderful deeds.

28 I weep with sorrow;

encourage me by your word.

29 Keep me from lying to myself;
give me the privilege of knowing your
instructions.

30 I have chosen to be faithful;
I have determined to live by your regulations.

31 I cling to your laws.
Lord, don't let me be put to shame!

32 I will pursue your commands,
for you expand my understanding.

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.**

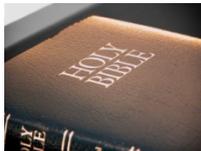
Amen.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament : Hebrews 5:5-10

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Song : Hide me now (Still)

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

Amen.

Sermon :

Post Sermon Hymn: Oceans

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

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of Intercessions through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

Response:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our Prayer.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

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.**

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

Lenten Morning Prayer every Wednesday
morning in Lent, via Zoom, at 0730.

Holy Week. As it approaches.

All Saints will offer a physical service at Kosmik,
on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evenings.
Also, we will provide an online pre-recorded
service for those two days.

Thank you.

Thank you to all this past year who have helped
with our online service provision. Jeroen, Robin,
Gerben and the music group, Maria and the
music group, Marciano, Angela, Rob and Stephan.
Thank you to all who have contributed to these
online services in any way. Thank you also to
those who provided your homes to record in.
Without you, these would not have been
possible.

Final Song: Oceans

The Peace...

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'.

Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself
To find in him a sure ground for faith
A firm support for hope
And the assurance of sins forgiven.

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...

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