

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 7th March.
Third 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.

Opening Song: Cannons

Prayer...

God of our days and years,

we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ

so that our lives may glorify you.

Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

This Lent we are reminded of the Beatitudes.

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 19 – a psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

²Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.

³There is no speech or language where
their voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens he has pitched a tent for
the sun,

which is like a bridegroom coming forth
from his pavilion, like a champion
rejoicing to run his course.

⁶It rises at one end of the heavens and
makes its circuit to the other; nothing is
hidden from its heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving
the soul. The statutes of the Lord are
trustworthy, making wise the simple.

⁸The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving
light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring
forever. The ordinances of the Lord are
sure and altogether righteous.

¹⁰They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold; they are sweeter
than honey, than honey from the comb.

¹¹By them is your servant warned; in
keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can discern his errors? Forgive
my hidden faults.

¹³Keep your servant also from willful
sins; may they not rule over me. Then
will I be blameless, innocent of great
transgression.

¹⁴May the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be pleasing in
your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my
Redeemer.

**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 : Exodus 20:1-17

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Song : Indescribable



Gospel: John 2:13-22

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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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Amen.

Sermon :

**Post Sermon Song:
How Great is our God**

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.



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

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.**

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
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

Announcement

Our charitable giving in March.

To support the Bishop of Europe's Lent Appeal. It is to help restablish ordained ministry in the city of Liege in Belgium. There is a chaplaincy which has gone through difficult times. A new chaplain has been appointed. The appeal focuses on the costs involved, esp as that chaplaincy cannot afford the accommodation for the new chaplain. I invite you to consider giving.

More information in the email newsletter.

Lenten Morning Prayer every Wednesday morning in Lent, via Zoom, at 0730 for 25 minutes or so. Info in the email newsletter.

Alpha. It got off to a great start on Tuesday. We invite you to hold each evening in prayers and those who are running each evening – Nienke, Julia and myself. Thank you.

Final Song: Across the Lands

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 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...

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