

Morning Prayer Second Sunday of Lent 28 February 2021

Introduction

Prayers of Penitence

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;
to our God who will richly pardon.

cf Isaiah 55

A time of silence and self-examination may be kept.

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.

cf Psalm 51

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord,
who has heard the voice of our prayer.
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Psalm 28.7,9

The Word of God

Psalmody: Psalm 22.23-end

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;
neither has he hidden his face from them;
but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.**

How can those who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

**He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

They shall come and make known his salvation,
to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**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.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle: The Song of Manasseh

**Full of compassion and mercy and love
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

Lord almighty and God of our ancestors,
you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:

**All things tremble with awe at your presence,
before your great and mighty power.**

Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy,
for you are God, Most High.

**You are full of compassion, long-suffering and very merciful,
and you relent at human suffering.**

O God, according to your great goodness,
you have promised forgiveness for repentance
to those who have sinned against you.

**The sins I have committed against you
are more in number than the sands of the sea.**

I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven,
because of the multitude of my iniquities.

**And now I bend the knee of my heart before you,
imploring your kindness upon me.**

I have sinned, O God, I have sinned,
and I acknowledge my transgressions.

**Unworthy as I am, you will save me,
according to your great mercy.**

For all the host of heaven sings your praise,
and your glory is for ever and ever.

**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.**

**Full of compassion and mercy and love,
is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

New Testament Reading: Mark 8.31-end

A reading from the gospel of Mark.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit

their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsory

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

Gospel Cantic: The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

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

**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.**

**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.**

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for they shall be satisfied.

Address

Music

Prayers

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the welfare of the Holy Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christopher and Richard our bishops,
for the leaders of our sister Churches,
and for all clergy and people,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Elizabeth our Queen,
for the leaders of the nations,
and for all in authority,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community,
for every city, town and village,
and for all the people who live within them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For good weather,
and for abundant harvests for all to share,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, air, or water,
for the sick and the suffering,
[for ... ,]

for prisoners and captives,
and for their safety, health and salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife and need,
and for the absolution of our sins and offences,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering [... and]

all who have gone before us in faith,
and in communion with Peter and all the saints,
we commit ourselves, one another,
and our whole life to Christ our God;

to you, O Lord.

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,
and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation,
that among the changes and chances of this mortal life,
we may always be defended by your gracious help;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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