

EVENING PRAYER – Wednesday 3rd March 2021

The Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introduction

We have come together in the name of Christ
To offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word,
to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord open our lips, **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord, **All praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever.
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. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Penitence

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;
Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 105 1 -11

¹ O give thanks to the LORD and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

² Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.

³ Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the LORD.

⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face continually.

⁵ Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

⁶ O seed of Abraham, his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸ He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise that he made for a thousand generations,

⁹ The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

¹⁰ which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,

¹¹ Saying "To you will I give the land of Canaan, to be the portion of your inheritance."

**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.**

Canticle - Nunc Dimittis

**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace, your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation; which you have prepared in the sight of every people,
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory be 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.**

Reading – John: 12 verses 36 - 45

While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."
After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Although he had performed so many signs in their presence, they did not believe in him. This was to fulfill the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

"Lord, who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

And so they could not believe, because Isaiah also said,

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they might not look with their eyes, and understand with their heart and turn and I would heal them." Isaiah said this because he saw his glory and spoke about him.

Nevertheless many, even of the authorities, believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess it, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved human glory more than the glory that comes from God.

Few thoughts

The Response to God's Word

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

I believe and trust in him

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. we believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Prayers of the People.

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church ...

Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,
Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world ... thinking especially of the people in Myanmar,
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.
Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer ... thinking particularly of those affected by the global pandemic,
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.
Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness ...
Lord of compassion, **in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, in your love and goodness, you have taught us to come close to you, in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God, remember us in your love and teach us to pray –

**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

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,
For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us,
For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us say together: **We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

The Blessing

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