Morning Prayer for

The Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill

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Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill.

Thank you for joining us!

If this is your first time at one of our churches, it's great to have you with us. Do make yourself known to the minister or to one of those greeting at the door.

This is a simple service of Morning Prayer for Lent.

Please join in with the responses in bold, and the prayers, as you feel comfortable.

The church is fitted with an induction loop system; those with hearing aids should use the 'T' setting.

We hope you enjoy our worship.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith or the life of our church community, please speak to Revd Sue or Revd Max. Or you can phone 01375 891254, visit us at www.hobnob.org.uk, or find us on Facebook or Twitter: @HOBNOBChurches

MORNING PRAYER IN LENT

PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

A SONG OF PENITENCE

1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my faults
and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
5 So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.
6 Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
7 Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;
8 Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked
and sinners shall return to you.
9 Deliver me from my guilt, O God,
the God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.
Psalm 51.1–5,12–15.

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.

This opening prayer may be said.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD
A Psalm is read which ends with,

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.

One or two Bible readings are read.

PRAYERS
We may sit or kneel as we pray for others.

One of the following responses, or an alternative, may be used.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Silence may be kept.

COLLECT

The following prayer for the day, is said.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting
our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God
of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

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.

LENT

Send us out, in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work, to your praise and glory……

Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord……

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