**Second Sunday of Lent – 28th February 2021**

*Hymn: Immortal Invisible*

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

***All***   **Amen.**

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you

***All***   **and also with you.**

*(or)*

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

***All***   **and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

***All***   **Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind,

and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Invitation to Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come before the Lord, who is full of compassion,

and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

In the wilderness we find your grace;

You love us with an everlasting love.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

There is none but you to uphold our cause;

Our sin cries out and our guilt is great.

Christ, have mercy

**Christ, have mercy**

Heal us, O Lord, and we shall be healed;

Restore us and we shall know your joy.

Lord, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness

Draw us to himself,

And cleanse us from all our sins

That we may behold the glory of his Son,

The Word made flesh,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

***All***   **Amen.**

**The Collect for the first Sunday of Lent**

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.

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

***All***   **Amen.**

**Readings**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

*At the end of each the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

***All***   **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn: In Christ Alone*

**Gospel Reading**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***All***   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 8:31-38

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***All***   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

***All***   **We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all that is,**

**seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,**

**eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,**

**true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,**

**of one Being with the Father;**

**through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary**

**and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

***All***   **hear our prayer.**

*(or)*

Lord, hear us.

***All***   **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

***All***   **accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**The Peace**

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has given us access to his grace.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

***All***   **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**Preparation of the Table**

**Taking of the Bread and Wine**

*Hymn: The Wonderful Cross (Chris Tomlin)*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

***All***   **and also with you.**

*(or)*

The Lord is here.

***All***   **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

***All***   **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All***   **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond*

***All***   **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.]**

*The president recalls the Last Supper,

and one of these four acclamations may be used*

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

***All***   **Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*(or)*

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

***All***   **Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*(or)*

[Christ is the bread of life:]

***All***   **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,**

**we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,**

**until you come in glory.**

*(or)*

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

***All***   **Lord, by your cross and resurrection**

**you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

***All***   **Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

***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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

***All***   **Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

***All***   **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*(or)*

God’s holy gifts

for God’s holy people.

***All***   **Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

**All   Almighty God,**

**you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:**

**keep us both outwardly in our bodies,**

**and inwardly in our souls;**

**that we may be defended from all adversities**

**which may happen to the body,**

**and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,

To deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

***All***   **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***All***   **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*(or)*

Go in the peace of Christ.

***All***   **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn: To God be the Glory*