

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community
Scattered Church: Worship at home on 01/03/26 Lent 2
(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.

God unknown,
he alone calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Based on Joachim Neander 1650-1680

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs,
hears our cries,
feels our pain,
and heals our wounds.

Jesus is our high priest, tempted like us, yet without sin.
He lives for ever in heaven to intercede for us.
Through him we approach the throne of grace with confidence,
and confess our sins.

cf Hebrews 4.15,16

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
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 lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him,

'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

(Dial 01647 407047 to hear it again during the week)

Affirmation of faith

Let us declare our faith God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

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.**

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Peace

God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Notices

In darkness and in light,
in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father,
to trust your love,
to serve your purpose,
and to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn

At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.

Truly, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel 1817-1877

Teign Valley & Haldon Hill Mission Community Services

Services by telephone

(Call 0333 0110 616; code 334 7721)

Sundays at 9am: Sunday Worship – a half hour Service of the Word: hymns, readings and prayers

Services in church

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| Mar 1 Lent 2 | 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March at 2.30pm | St John the Baptist Ashton |
| Mar 8 Lent 3 | 10.30am HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford |
| Mar 15 Mothering Sunday | 10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am HC St Mary Dunsford |
| Mar 22 Passion Sunday | 10.30am MC HC St Thomas Becket Bridford
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
4.00pm Forest Church Ashton |
| Mar 29 Palm Sunday | 10.30am MC HC St John the Baptist Ashton
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| Mar 30 Holy Monday | 6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer |
| Mar 31 Holy Tuesday | 6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer |
| Apr 1 Holy Wednesday | 6.00pm telephone Evening Prayer |
| Apr 2 Maundy Thursday | 6.00pm HC & Washing of Feet St John the Baptist Ashton |
| Apr 3 Good Friday | 10.30am Passion of St John HC St James Christow
3.00pm Meditation & Prayers St Thomas Becket Bridford
6.00pm Good Friday Music St Mary Dunsford |
| Apr 5 Easter Sunday | 10.30 HC Ashton with Bridford, Christow, Doddiscombsleigh,
Dunchideock & Dunsford |
| Apr 12 Easter 2 | 10.30am HC St John the Baptist Ashton
10.30am HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
10.30am Family Service St Mary Dunsford |
| Apr 19 Easter | 10.30am HC St James Christow
10.30am HC St Michael Doddiscombsleigh
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford |
| Apr 25 Messy Church | 3.00pm Dunsford Village Hall |
| Apr 26 Easter 4 | 10.30am MC HC St Michael & All Angels Dunchideock
10.30am Service of the Word St Mary Dunsford
4.00pm Forest Church Ashton |

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