Morning Prayer Passiontide Sunday, 21 March 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Lent(Passiontide begins)

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross

and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

All by your holy cross,

you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

All We adore you, O Christ,

and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

All By your holy cross,

you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All We adore you, O Christ,

and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

The Reading

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)

Refrain:

All The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,

but to those who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, ♦

who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, ♦

born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old ♦

to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ♦

and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ♦

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, ♦

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ♦

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ♦

by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God ♦

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ♦

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

All 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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The SERMON

Prayers

**The Collect of the day is said**

Most merciful God,

who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ

delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross

we may triumph in the power of his victory;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Standing at the foot of the cross, 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.

The Conclusion May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,

set us free to serve him with joy. All Amen.

The Blessing