

Evening Prayer on Sunday 12th March—

LENT 3

Welcome, Lines muted (*1)

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. *Isaiah 30.15*

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

**Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.**

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.**

George the Sinner, tr: A W Chatfield

Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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

Acclamation

This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us. cf *1 John 4.10-12*

Psalm 40

Joshua 1.1-9

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

2 He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten, but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

4 Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

5 By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. *1 Peter 2.21b-25*

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.

Ephesians 6.10-20

Responsory

Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Make haste to help me,
O Lord of my salvation.

Be not far from me, O my God.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Forsake me not, O Lord;
be not far from me, O my God.**

Gospel Canticle The Magnificat

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦ he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦ the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦ from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦ and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦ and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦ and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦ to remember his promise of mercy,

8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦ to Abraham and his children for ever.

**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.**

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.

So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us:

**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 Prayer of Christ the King

**Christ Our King
Fill us with your love
that we may gladly speak for you,
work for you and live our whole life for you
until all join with us in endless praise of you. Amen**

The Collect of the day

**Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he
suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he
was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in
the way of the cross, may find it none other than the
way of life and peace;
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. Amen.**

A time of reflection

Closing Prayer

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**