

## Evening Prayer on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 oppress;  
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**

*Prayers* In faith we pray: **We pray to you our God**

### *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**

### *Notices; Lines are unmuted (\*1)*

### *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.**