

Sunday 29th March 2020 – Lent 5

The Gathering of God's People

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

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to seek the forgiveness of our sins, and to pray for the needs of the world, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O Lord, open our lips: **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

Let us worship the Lord: **all praise to his name.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: **blessed be God for ever.**

Penitence

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. *Daniel 9: 9*

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

O God, our loving Father in heaven, we confess that we have sinned against you; we have broken your commandments; we have often been selfish, and we have not loved you as we should. For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray: through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path. *c.f. Psalm 119:105*

O Lord, your word is everlasting:
it stands firm for ever in the heavens. *c.f. Psalm 119:89*

Let us then receive the word of the Lord.
so may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Psalm 130

- ¹ Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- ² If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
- ³ But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.
- ⁴ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.
- ⁵ My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.
- ⁶ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
- ⁷ With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

This is the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, the body of Christ across our parish, our community, our land and around the world... let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

For the world ... that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer... for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion: **in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Lent 5

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we are bold to 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.

Going Out as God's People

Let us give thanks to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

For the love of our Father, the maker of all, the giver of all good things, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches us and guides us, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world, let us bless the Lord: **thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us say together:

Be with us Lord, today and every day. May our lips always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.