

Morning Prayer

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Second Sunday of Lent



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PREPARATION

O Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

All: **according to your judgement give us life.**

SONG Come people of the risen King Words & Music: K & K Getty & S Townend

Come, people of the Risen King, / Who delight to bring Him praise;
Come all and tune your hearts to sing

To the Morning Star of grace.

From the shifting shadows of the earth / We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach / To gather children in.

Refrain Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, / And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease, / But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace. *Refrain*

Come, young and old from every land / Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands – Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing – Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”! *Refrain*

Words of Welcome

CONFESSION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The Lord's covenant with Abram

15:¹ After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: 'Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.'

² But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no children; so

a servant in my household will be my heir.' ⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: 'This man will not be your heir, but a son who is

your own flesh and blood will be your heir.' ⁵ He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as

righteousness. ⁷ He also said to him, 'I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take

possession of it.' ⁸ But Abram said, 'Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I shall gain possession of it?' ⁹ So the Lord said to him,

'Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon.'

¹⁰ Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. ¹¹ Then birds of prey

came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick →

and dreadful darkness came over him. ¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates. This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN Put thou thy trust in God Words: P Gerhardt; Music: S Wesley
Put thou thy trust in God / In duty's path go on;
Walk in His strength with faith and hope / So shall thy work be done
Commit thy ways to Him / Thy works into His hands
And rest on His unchanging Word / Who Heav'n and earth commands
Though years on years roll on / His cov'nant shall endure;
Though clouds and darkness hide His path / The promised grace is sure
Give to the winds Thy fears; / Hope, and be undismayed;
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; / God shall lift up thy head
Through waves, and clouds, and storms / His power will clear thy way;
Wait thou His time, the darkest night / Shall end in brightest day
Leave to His sovereign sway / To choose and to command;
So shalt thou, wond'ring, own His way / How wise, how strong His hand

EPISTLE Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NIV) *Following Christ*

3:¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. 4:¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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

SONG Mighty to Save Words & Music: Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan
Ev'ryone needs compassion / Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness / The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save / He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me / All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow / Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender *Chorus*

Bridge Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing / For the glory of the risen King
Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing / For the glory of the risen King.

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35 (NIV) *Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem*

13:³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him,
'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

³² He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out
demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third
day I will reach my goal."' ³³ In any case, I must press on today
and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die
outside Jerusalem! ³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the
prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to
gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under
her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to
you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say,
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

CANTICLE

The Benedictus

All: **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

- 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.

Luke 1.68-79

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.**

All: **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

SERMON

SONG Take my life and let it be Words: FR Havergal; Music: W Müller

Take my life and let it be; consecrated Lord to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move; at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be; swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing; always only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be; filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use; every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord I pour; at Thy feet its treasure store.

Take myself and I will be, ever only all for Thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.**

INTERCESSIONS

Prayers are offered, and this response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Collect Prayer (Second Sunday of Lent) 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

HYMN Fight the good fight Words: JSB Monsel; Music: J Halton

Fight the good fight with all thy might!

Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;

Lay hold on life, and it shall be / Thy joy and crown eternally. →

Run the straight race through God's good grace,
 Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
 Life with its way before us lies, / Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide; / His boundless mercy will provide;
 Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, His arms are near,
 He changeth not, and thou art dear;
 Only believe, and thou shalt see / That Christ is all in all to thee.

THE GRACE

**All: 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**

SENDING OUT

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**
 Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Grace Church Forthcoming Services and Events:

- Wednesdays, 9 March through 13 April, 20:00: Lent Course: Embracing Justice, Online (Zoom), Meeting ID: 843 1267 6327 Passcode: Justice
- Sunday 27 March, 10:30: Grace Holy Communion + Annual Meeting, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 3 April, 17:00: Grace & Martini International Service, Martinikerk.
- Sunday 10 April, 9:00: Grace Holy Communion (said), Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 10 April, 10:30: Grace Palm Sunday Service w Old Catholics, Old Catholic Church.
- Sunday 17 April, 10:30: Grace Easter Sunday Holy Communion, Old Catholic Church.