**Wednesday service plan 3rd March 2021**

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn: **All people that on earth do dwell**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Be with you

**and with Thy spirit.**

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,**

**unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love Thee,
and worthily magnify Thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
and Thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all Thy heart,
and with all Thy soul, and with all Thy mind,
and with all Thy strength.
This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this:
Thou shalt love Thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.**

God so loved the world
that He gave His only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

*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.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**

**we have sinned against Thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve Thee in newness of life
to the glory of Thy name. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Collect:**

**Almighty God, who showest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Reading**: Philippians 4 v2-9

**2**I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3**Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

**4**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! **5**Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**8**Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. **9**Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Talk

Creed

**I believe in one God the Father almighty,**

**maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers**

Lord, in Your mercy

**hear our prayer**.

*The prayers may end with*

**Merciful Father,**

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of Your Son**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Communion

The Peace

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **(And also with you)**

Communion prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up Your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

*It is indeed right and good*

*To give you thanks and praise*

*Almighty God and everlasting Father,*

*Through Jesus Christ your Son.*

*For in these forty days*

*You lead us into the desert of repentance*

*That through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline*

*We may grow in grace*

*And learn to be your people once again.*

*Through fasting, prayer and acts of service*

*You bring us back to your generous heart.*

*Through study of your holy word*

*You open our eyes to your presence in the world*

*And free our hands to welcome others*

*Into the radiant splendour of your love.*

*As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast*

*With joyful hearts and minds*

*We bless you for your mercy*

*And join with saints and angels*

*For ever praising you and saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread;
and when He had given thanks to Thee,
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper He took the cup;
and when He had given thanks to Thee,

He gave it to them, saying:
Drink ye all of this;
for this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of Himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of his kingdom
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ Thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through Him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of Thy divine majesty,
renew us by Thy Holy Spirit,
inspire us with Thy love,
and unite us in the body of Thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be unto Thee,
O Father almighty,
world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

*[Receiving communion]*

Prayer after communion:

***Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

The Dismissal

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Final hymn: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven**

**+ Turn your eyes upon Jesus**