

Douglas Union with Frankfield

# MORNING PRAYER



*The Second Sunday in Lent*  
*28 February 2021*

## **The Gathering of God's People**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

### **SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us. *Daniel 9:9,10.*

*The minister introduces the service in these or other suitable words:*

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

### **HYMN 386** *Spirit of God, unseen as the wind*

*The minister says*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault;  
by what we have done  
and by what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the absolution.*

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

## **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

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

God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

### **FIRST CANTICLE**

#### **JUBILATE *Psalm 100***

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his face with songs of joy.
  - 2 Know that the Lord he is God;  
it is he who has made us and we are his  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
  - 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
  - 4 For the Lord is good  
his loving mercy is for ever,  
his faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 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.

### **FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Old Testament*

#### **Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of

you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

## PSALM

### Psalm 22:23-31

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;

O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## SECOND READING

*from the Gospels*

### Mark 8: 31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and

after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

**HYMN** 383 *Lord, be thy word my rule*

## **THE SERMON**

### **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

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

**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 versicles and responses may be said.*

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers  
**and grant our government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

## THE COLLECTS

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
Grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things  
as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God,  
we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day:  
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,  
and in all things guide us to know and do your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Prayers and Thanksgivings:*

Loving Father, we thank you for all those who listened to your word and witnessed to the life of your Son, and those who wrote down what they had heard and seen. We thank you for those who faithfully copied the scriptures, for those who translated and interpreted them, and for those who continue this work even today. Bless them in their vital work. May we learn a true appreciation of both the written word in the scriptures, and the living Word who is Jesus Christ, so that we may better serve him and follow his example in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Today, Lord we pray for all schools, for teachers and students preparing to go back tomorrow, and for those who must continue to teach and learn remotely. Give them calm confidence in all the preparations that have been made and keep them safe.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our government in their calling to leadership and the heavy responsibilities that lie upon them; give them wisdom, energy and patience. Bless all our healthcare workers, relieve them of weariness, and bless their families too. Inspire all who work in research and guide all in the media and all whose words and actions influence others. Bless all the work of your Church in our land.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of those who have died; especially we remember Ken Sheffield and pray for his family. We pray for all who are bereaved, or ill or distressed and their families, especially those who cannot be together in their time of crisis. Help us all to know how we can support each other in these challenging times, and to live lives of neighbourly love to which you have called us.

***All these prayers we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

**HYMN 524** *May the grace of Christ our Saviour*

### **Going Out as God's People**

*The service may end with this dismissal or an appropriate blessing:*

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.**    *2 Corinthians 13: 14*