

Douglas Union with Frankfield

MORNING PRAYER



The Third Sunday in Lent
7 March 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 207 *Forty days and forty nights*

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

Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the

fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

PSALM

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another
and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands
and their words to the ends of the world.
- 5 In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun,
that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber
and rejoices as a champion to run his course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens
and runs to the very end again,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!
- 13 Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING

from the Gospels

John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.**

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

Merciful Lord,
Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, You fasted in the wilderness and spoke about when your followers fasted.
May we accept the discipline of self-denial
so that we may see things more clearly in their proper perspectives.
May our disciplines be joyful, knowing that you stand with us.
Bless and support all those for whom hunger is not a matter of choice
and all who seek to alleviate need in our world.
Teach us truly what it means to share with others,
as you and your disciples once shared a small offering with 5000.
In your own name we pray. Amen

Almighty God,
We pray for all in positions of power or trust. We know the temptations are great.
Help them to remember the bigger picture and the dependence of others upon them.
Give us all grace to live our lives with integrity with respect for all people made in your image
and the earth which is your creation and gift to us.
In the name of him who for our sakes gave up his power and authority to become as one of us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we continue to pray for all whose lives are affected by Covid 19.
For those who are ill: help them to know your love
that they may seek strength from you, and find peace and healing in your presence;
For those who care for them in hospital or at home,
grant to the physicians, surgeons, nurses and all carers
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
For those whose lives or livelihoods have been disrupted,
especially those in necessity, or distress
we pray for a way forward in their lives and grant they may never lose hope.
For all of us, patience with the present restrictions knowing they are for the general good.
Through it all, may we never forget your sustaining presence.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, you are present in every place;
Mercifully hear our prayers for those whom we love, now absent from us;
watch over them, and protect them in all anxiety, danger, and temptation;
teach us and them to know that you are always near,
and that we are one in you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMN 631 *God be in my head, and in my understanding*

Going Out as God's People

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...