

Douglas Union with Frankfield

# MORNING PRAYER



*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*21 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 549** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind (verses 1-3)*

*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.**

## CANTICLE

### SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD *Suitable for use in penitential seasons*

- 1 Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy:  
we look to you to save and help us.
- 2 By your cross and your life laid down you set your people free:  
we look to you to save and help us.
- 3 When they were ready to perish you saved your disciples:  
we look to you to come to our help.
- 4 In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains,  
forgive the sins of all your people.
- 5 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer;  
save and help us that we may praise you.
- 6 Come now and dwell with us Lord Christ Jesus:  
hear our prayer and be with us always.
- 7 And when you come in your glory:  
make us to be one with you and to share the life of your kingdom. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*from the Old Testament*

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their

hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## PSALM

### Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; ♦  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness ♦  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults ♦  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned ♦  
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence ♦  
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, ♦  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me ♦  
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; ♦  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, ♦  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins ♦  
and blot out all my misdeeds.
- 11 Make me a clean heart, O God, ♦  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence ♦  
and take not your holy spirit from me.
- 13 Give me again the joy of your salvation ♦  
and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

## SECOND READING

*from the Gospels*

### John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told

Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people\* to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**HYMN 116 (Thanks & Praise)** *Our Father, we have wandered*

## **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.**

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

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.

**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 God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us in all assaults of our enemies,  
that we, surely trusting in your protection,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father God, as we progress through Lent and through our present Covid 19 restrictions, we are challenged, as we so often are, to keep going. We confess we sometimes make a good start, but grow weary or discouraged, and fail to remember your commandment of love. Forgive us our shortcomings and failures and send your grace to inspire and help us to persevere.

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

Lord Jesus, as we approach Holy Week and remember the attacks upon you by both religion and state, we pray for all our leaders. Give to the leaders within your church discernment in guiding your people in the way of holiness. Give to political leaders in our own country, in the EU and in the world the will and the ability to promote justice for all, to alleviate poverty and need and to protect our environment, and be with all victims of injustice.

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

Holy Spirit, aid us in the challenges of life. Give courage to those who are dispirited or tempted to despair. Strength to those who suffer through illness or poverty. Comfort to those who are isolated or lonely and nourish hope within us all.

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

Thinking of this week ahead, let us bring our own personal requests...*Silence.*

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

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank you for all who have departed this life trusting in you. Keep us faithful and bring us all to your heavenly Kingdom, for your love's sake. Amen.

**HYMN 549** *Dear Lord and Father of mankind (verses 4&5)*

**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,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all evermore. **Amen.**    *2 Corinthians 13: 14*