

Morning Prayer, Monday 29 March 2021

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the LORD brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? (Lamentations 1:12)

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:6)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

**Almighty God, our 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.
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.**

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

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Let us worship the Lord
All praise to his name.

**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.**

Psalm 41.

1 Blessed are those who consider the poor and needy; ♦
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.

2 The Lord preserves them and restores their life,
that they may be happy in the land; ♦
he will not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed; ♦
their sickness, Lord, you will remove.

4 And so I said, 'Lord, be merciful to me; ♦
heal me, for I have sinned against you.'

O Lord, be merciful to me.

5 My enemies speak evil about me, ♦
asking when I shall die and my name perish.

6 If they come to see me, they utter empty words; ♦
their heart gathers mischief;
when they go out, they tell it abroad.

7 All my enemies whisper together against me, ♦
against me they devise evil,

8 Saying that a deadly thing has laid hold on me, ♦
and that I will not rise again from where I lie.

9 Even my bosom friend, whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, ♦
has lifted up his heel against me.

10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me ♦
and raise me up, that I may reward them.

11 By this I know that you favour me, ♦
that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 Because of my integrity you uphold me ♦
and will set me before your face for ever.

13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, ♦
from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

O Lord, be merciful to me.

**God our deliverer, raise up the poor and comfort the betrayed,
through the one who for our sakes became poor
and whose betrayal brought our salvation,
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Old Testament Reading. Lamentations 1:1-12a

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!
How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!
She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

² Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks.
Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her.
All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

³ After affliction and harsh labour, Judah has gone into exile.
She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.
All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals.
All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,
her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

⁵ Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.
The LORD has brought her grief because of her many sins.
Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

⁶ All the splendour has departed from Daughter Zion.
Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;
in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

⁷ In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures
that were hers in days of old.
When her people fell into enemy hands, there was no one to help her.
Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

⁸ Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.
All who honoured her despise her, for they have all seen her naked; she herself
groans and turns away.

⁹ Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.
Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.
“Look, LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.”

¹⁰ The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her
sanctuary— those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

¹¹ All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food
to keep themselves alive.
“Look, LORD, and consider, for I am despised.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Great and wonderful.

- 1 Great and wonderful are your deeds, ♦
Lord God the Almighty.
- 2 Just and true are your ways, ♦
O ruler of the nations.
- 3 Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? ♦
for you alone are holy.
- 4 All nations shall come and worship in your presence: ♦
for your just dealings have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3, 4

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ♦
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.

New Testament Reading. Luke 22:1-23

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, ² and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. ³ Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. ⁴ And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. ⁵ They were delighted and agreed to give him money. ⁶ He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

⁷ Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸ Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.'

⁹ 'Where do you want us to prepare for it?' they asked.

¹⁰ He replied, 'As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, ¹¹ and say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks: where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ¹² He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there.'

¹³ They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴ When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. ¹⁵ And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of God.'

¹⁷ After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among you. ¹⁸ For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.'

¹⁹ And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

²⁰ In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. ²² The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!' ²³ They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Saviour of the world

- 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.

The Apostles Creed

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.

Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Let us 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.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross;
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Almighty and everlasting Father,
we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger;
order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is right in your eyes;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A time of prayer

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.**