

## **Morning Prayer, Wednesday 31 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 102

***Refrain: My help comes from the Lord.***

- 1 O Lord, hear my prayer ♦  
and let my crying come before you.
- 2 Hide not your face from me ♦  
in the day of my distress.
- 3 Incline your ear to me; ♦  
when I call, make haste to answer me,

***My help comes from the Lord.***

- 4 For my days are consumed in smoke ♦  
and my bones burn away as in a furnace.
- 5 My heart is smitten down and withered like grass, ♦  
so that I forget to eat my bread.
- 6 From the sound of my groaning ♦  
my bones cleave fast to my skin.
- 7 I am become like a vulture in the wilderness, ♦  
like an owl that haunts the ruins.
- 8 I keep watch and am become like a sparrow ♦  
solitary upon the housetop.
- 9 My enemies revile me all the day long, ♦  
and those who rage at me have sworn together against me.
- 10 I have eaten ashes for bread ♦  
and mingled my drink with weeping,
- 11 Because of your indignation and wrath, ♦  
for you have taken me up and cast me down.
- 12 My days fade away like a shadow, ♦  
and I am withered like grass.

***My help comes from the Lord.***

- 13 But you, O Lord, shall endure for ever ♦  
and your name through all generations.
- 14 You will arise and have pity on Zion; ♦  
it is time to have mercy upon her; surely the time has come.
- 15 For your servants love her very stones ♦  
and feel compassion for her dust.
- 16 Then shall the nations fear your name, O Lord, ♦  
and all the kings of the earth your glory,

17 When the Lord has built up Zion ♦  
and shown himself in glory;  
18 When he has turned to the prayer of the destitute ♦  
and has not despised their plea.

***My help comes from the Lord.  
Have pity on our frailty, O God,  
and in the hour of our death  
cast us not away as clothing that is worn,  
for you are our eternal refuge;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

### **Old Testament Reading. Jeremiah 11:18-20**

#### *Plot Against Jeremiah*

<sup>18</sup> Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. <sup>19</sup> I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.”

<sup>20</sup> But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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 22:54-71**

#### *Peter Disowns Jesus*

<sup>54</sup> Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. <sup>55</sup> And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup> A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

<sup>57</sup> But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

<sup>58</sup> A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

<sup>59</sup> About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

<sup>60</sup> Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup> The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." <sup>62</sup> And he went outside and wept bitterly.

#### *The Guards Mock Jesus*

<sup>63</sup> The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. <sup>64</sup> They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" <sup>65</sup> And they said many other insulting things to him.

#### *Jesus Before Pilate and Herod*

<sup>66</sup> At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. <sup>67</sup> "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, <sup>68</sup> and if I asked you, you would not answer. <sup>69</sup> But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

<sup>70</sup> They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

<sup>71</sup> Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

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.**