



SERVICE ORDER
Sunday, 26th February
First Sunday in Lent



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

**Lord, in mercy listen to our prayers.
Stretch out your mighty hand
to defend us from all the evil we face.
We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCE: MATTHEW 4:4

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comes from the mouth of God.*

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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

O FATHER, MY FATHER

**O Father, my Father, I call on your name;
my heart it is heavy with sorrow and shame.
For I've been a coward, my courage has flown,
and love lies within me as cold as a stone.**

**No word can excuse me, no word that I say;
no place that I run to can hide me away.
For nothing is hidden; yes, all is revealed -
you see how I'm sick, Lord; I want to be healed.**

**O Father, my Father, I call on your name;
your promise is with me to carry my blame.
You came as a servant, your road it was clear;
no coward was Jesus, for love knows no fear.**

**O how I do wish that my last day was here,
that I might be with you where all is made clear;
where sorrow is over, the world is set free,
and that which we hope for we finally see.**

Robin Mann

CONFESSION

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins, and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me. Amen.

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved.
Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.***

PSALM 32

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.^[b]

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.'

And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;

sing, all you who are upright in heart!

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray for strength in temptation.

[silence]

**Almighty and merciful God, your Son fasted in the desert
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

**Protect us when we are tempted,
and help us to resist the devil
by trusting in your word.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

BIBLE READING

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 The creation and fall (NIVUK)

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.' ³ Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ² The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' ⁴ 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. ⁵ 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

After the reading
This is the Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19 Death through Adam, life through Christ
(NIVUK)

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned –

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. ¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: the judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! ¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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LENTEN VERSE: PHILLIPIANS 2:8

Christ humbled Himself,
and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 The temptation of Jesus (NIVUK)

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."^[b]' ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."^[c]' ⁷ Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."^[d]' ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."^[e]' ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

After the reading

This is the gospel of the LORD.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

**Thank you, Lord Jesus,
for resisting and overcoming the devil.
Strengthen us in our temptations.
Amen.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Amazing Grace – my chains are gone

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear, and Grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His Word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing Grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

**My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour, has ransomed me.**

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SERMON

JESUS, LEAD THOU ON

**Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest be won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless;
Guide us by Thy hand to our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us, Let not faith and hope forsake us,
For though many a woe To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on, Till our rest be won;
Heavenly leader, still directs us, Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

*Merciful God,
you have forgiven us and brought us new life
through your Son Jesus.*

*Help us to live in thankfulness,
and to give of ourselves in serving others.*

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights in the desert. Let us pray for all who hunger in body or soul, that our Father in heaven would satisfy their needs.

Dear Father in Heaven: we pray for all those who are faced with temptations or trials that seem too great for them. Keep all your people strong in the face of temptation, teach us all to rely on you at dark times of attack, and let your Word be our only strength. Bless those in positions of leadership so that they can lead wisely and with justice, and so that they may resist all temptation to abuse your power.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for young Christians and those whose faith is fragile, that they may be strengthened against the temptation of unbelief. Help us to support each other at moments of weakness and give us the strength to stand strong for others. Support all believers, and don't let them ever be put to shame for their beliefs. We pray for all those who are preparing for baptism or confirmation at this time and we ask that you would use this time of preparation to strengthen and grow their faith in you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Stand by all those who are hungry or homeless, that they may not be tempted to despair. Keep those who are struggling with illness strong in their faith, so that they can lean on you through the tough times ahead. We especially pray for your healing hand over members of the congregation that are unwell.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Father in heaven, receive the prayers of your sons and daughters who seek your favour. Free us from all evil, so that we may serve you in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

Let us bless the LORD.
God be praised forevermore.
The LORD bless us and keep us.
The LORD make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The LORD look upon us with favour, and give us peace.
Amen!

GROWING FAITH AT HOME BLESSING

May God keep you safe with his life-giving words.
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WORDS OF SENDING

Go in peace.

You have righteousness and life through Christ.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE WAY IS LOW

**Low, the way is low With the man whom angels praise;
He who spoke the sky Was a baby dressed in hay.**

**We are companions of the One whose name is love,
We share His life as we grow. We carry Jesus' death
with each and ev'ry breath – Our hope is high the way is low.**

**See the glory road – He was tempted by it too.
But He set his course With Jerusalem in view:**

**We are companions of the One whose name is love,
We share His life as we grow. We carry Jesus' death
with each and ev'ry breath – Our hope is high the way is low.**

**When our time is gone We will see the great new day.
Till that day appears, All we know is Jesus' way:**

**We are companions of the One whose name is love,
We share His life as we grow. We carry Jesus' death
with each and ev'ry breath – Our hope is high the way is low.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

LHS

71 Come to Calvary's holy mountain*

G5

80 Praise to the Holiest in the height

G8

270 The law of God is good and wise

G3

326 O how great is Thy compassion*

G3

785 In Adam we have all been one GS

850 O Father, my Father GS

AT

6 O Father, my Father

178 Until you open my eyes

331 Turn to me with all your heart

332 We are sorry

354 Change my heart, O God

398 A child of God

Second reading: Romans 5:12-19

LHS

80 Praise to the Holiest in the height

G8

324 Salvation unto us has come* G5

328 Now I have found for my salvation

329 By grace I'm saved, grace free and
boundless

331 My hope is built on nothing less*

785 In Adam we have all been one GS

787 Jesus was born for us GS

794 What wondrous love is this, O my
soul, O my soul GS

851 Amazing grace, how sweet the
sound GS

AT

22 He was wounded

130 I am covered over

131 Amazing grace

145 Wondrous love

345 Nothing but the blood

349 There is a redeemer

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

LHS

72 Saviour, when in dust to Thee G7

137 Triune God, be Thou our stay

181 Abide, O dearest Jesus* G5

195 A mighty fortress is our God* G3

336 'Come, follow me', the Saviour
spake* G3

341 Jesus, lead Thou on* G3

384 Who trusts in God, a strong abode
G9

411 If God be my defender* G3

756 O Lord, throughout these forty
days G5

791 O love how deep, how broad, how
high! G5

795 When Jesus came, the demons
cried GS

857 Low, the way is low GS

873 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

AT

146 They knew who he was

185 Jesus, Son of God and man

190 Low, the way is low

320 I was there to hear your borning
cry

338 God in human shoes

366 Mighty God