

Morning Prayer on Sunday 29th March 2020



For worship at home
from
St Lawrence Church, Bovingdon

Hymn: The spirit lives to set us free

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<https://worshipworkshop.org.uk/projector?id=1545&tracktype=full>

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is love, not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son.

He is the sacrifice for our sins,
that we might live through him.

If God loves us so much
we ought to love one another.

If we love one another
God lives in us.

cf 1 John 4.10-12

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Lord, speak to us
that we may hear your word.

Move among us
that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers
that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from *your* sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
creator and redeemer of all;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world
and in your great love fashioned us in your image.

And now we give you thanks
because you give us the spirit of discipline,
that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,
dying to sin and living to righteousness.
May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts
as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn: Breathe on me breath of God

To listen or sing along with the music and lyrics, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmkzSjs9eAw>

'Breathe on me, breath of God;
So shall I never die'

These words introduce our reading from St John's gospel (see separate sheet)

The Word of God

Reading

John 11. 1-44

The reading may be followed by a time of silence.

These responses may be made:

Cast your burden upon the Lord:

he will sustain you.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence;

take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Give us the joy of your saving help;

sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.

Blessed be the Lord day by day:

the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

The 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.

Prayers

Intercessions are offered. (see separate sheet)

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent:

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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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.**

Sermon click here to view (goes live at 8.00am on
Sunday) https://youtu.be/yXiViZT_80M

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness

'Sun moon and stars in their courses above'

This hymn has been our daily prayer this week as we follow our Lent course about taking care of God's creation.

To listen or sing along with the music and lyrics, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dTKlqmdfHsk>

The Conclusion

The Blessing

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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