

WORSHIP - 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT - 7 FEBRUARY 2021

Today we have no physical services in our churches, but we still meet on Zoom at 11.30 - the link is on the website. This is the Order of Service that is based on the Zoom service.

In a week where so many have died, and we have lost friends, we start with the

Nunc dimittis (*Simeon's song of praise*):

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.**

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

Hymn - All creatures of our God and King - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WtT3SRnnG0I>
and enjoy the visit to Chester Zoo as well!

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments,
and to live in love and peace with all.

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.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading - Proverbs 8.1,22-31 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Hymn - God be in my head - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCik9Us_K2A

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

Words: Book of Hours, 1514
Music: God be in my head, Henry Walford Davies - HON 211

Gospel - John 1.1-14 - *is printed on the blue noticesheet*

Address - *my sermon (and one from Clive) are on the website*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Anthem – Fairest Lord Jesus, Martin How - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWvuA1UQ3TU>

Prayers of Intercession - Louise Whittaker

Lord God our creator and redeemer, you are strong, powerful and giving and you know us better than we know ourselves. Life is so hard for so many of us at the moment and we often feel weak and even without hope. As we call out to you in prayer Lord, we ask for renewed focus on you, hope in you and strength from you. Keep us courageous in your name we pray. Help us remember that with your love and your light in our hearts, all things are possible. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God when coronavirus dominates **all** our lives, we ask that you bless our world and all of us your people within it. So many individuals are losing their family members, their jobs and livelihoods, their homes and their hopes for the future as a consequence of this pandemic. And so we turn to you Lord and ask especially that our leaders and nations can work in harmony together in the understanding that we belong to a common humanity. Help us in particular to share readily, peaceably and equitably the new vaccines that will enable us to move forward and share together a better, happier and brighter future.
Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we pray for those in most need in our own families and in our neighbourhoods and local communities. We bring before you the elderly, the young people learning remotely and without the support of school friends in their daily lives, the housebound, the unemployed and the homeless and those in care homes and

in hospices. We thank You Lord for the work and devotion of all carers and support groups. Help all of us your disciples we pray, to share your compassion and to spread the warmth of your light and love to everyone we are in contact with. As your followers let us share in your wisdom Lord and in the darkest of days may we ever sing your praises and lift your name up high! Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick in body mind and spirit. We ask that we are able to call upon you and feel your loving presence in our hearts. Comfort all of us we pray, draw us ever closer to you, mend in us all that is broken and keep us strong as we try to go beyond the pain of a given moment. We ask too Lord that you remain close to those who feel the pain and loss of a loved one. We give our thanks for the lives of the departed and we ask that you give us grace to support those who mourn, with our prayers, words of compassion or any practical help possible.

We bring our prayers together as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

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.

Hymn - O worship the King - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dv2BqFgm6_M

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Final music - Prelude on Te Deum, *Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws

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