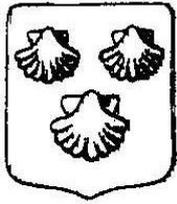
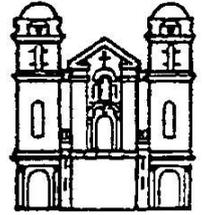


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7 FEBRUARY 2021
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

A Prayer for the Nation

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.

Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our Prayers are asked for:

All prevented from worshipping with us, remembering this week
Conceição Fernandes
and all those currently unable to attend services.

Unwell

Jean Warren : Ann Blanchard : Anthony Green :
Margaret Norman : Owen Shepherd : Josephine Chizema

Recovering

The Very Reverend Derek Hole

Rest In Peace

George Daley

Welcome to St James the Greater

7th February

10:30am

Welcome to our weekly online service. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81897708742?pwd=OXV5UIBkZ2ZlYWtjMjYveVU5RjEzQT09>

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A Service of Morning Prayer For The Second Sunday Before Lent

*Please join in the responses in **bold type**, but ensure your microphone is muted.*

Preparation

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

All: **And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

The minister may say

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.

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.

All:

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 us to the joy of your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

All: Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All: for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy

All: 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.
Now, through the deep waters of death,
you have brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.
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:

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Word of God ***Proverbs 8.1, 22 – 31***

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

John 1. 1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

All: **And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.

Set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on the earth.

All: And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**All: Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,
and Christ shall give you light.**

Gospel Canticle

The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah) is said:

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
4. To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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.

A sermon is preached

The Creed

All:

**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.

At the end of each petition:

Lord hear us

All: **Lord graciously hear us.**

The Collect is said.

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.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said
Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All
**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.**

The Conclusion

The Blessing

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

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

You are welcome to stay online for a chat – feel free to remain logged in while you make a drink!

Wednesday 10th February

6:30pm

A Service of Compline

Welcome to our second online service of Compline, which this week is led by David Brunning. To be able to join us please ensure you have downloaded Zoom to your computer, mobile phone or tablet and click on the link below:

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A copy of the Order of Service can be downloaded from the church's website by visiting:

<http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk/resources/Order%20of%20Service%20-%20Online%20Compline.pdf>

You can join in the responses, but just make sure you've muted your microphone. There will also be some parts sung by a small group from the choir and the words of the service will also be shown on screen.

The Vicar Writes ...

Our readings today take us back to the beginning, and forward to the end. The prologue of John's Gospel takes us back to Nine Lessons and Carols, the promise and anticipation of Christmas, the revelation that culminated last week in Candlemas.



But as we now turn towards Lent, we are reminded that God's plan has been under everything since before the beginning, and will be with us as we tread the hard road towards Holy Week, and indeed throughout our lives.

Dates For Your Diary

TEA AT THE VICARAGE As well as meeting up after our Sunday morning service, we're continuing to hold our weekly virtual coffee morning every Thursday. It's good to be able to catch up with members of our fellowship that we've not been able to see for some time. This is especially true now as we're unable to meet in church at the moment.

We'll be holding this every Thursday going forward between 11 and 12. There's no need to book, you just need to have Zoom installed on a computer, tablet or mobile phone and use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7qmm3j>. You can drop in anytime you like for a chat.

BIBLE STUDY our Zoom sessions take place every Friday at 7:00pm. At our next session on 12th February, we'll be looking at Mark's Gospel – Chapter 9, verses 2 – 9. To join the meeting, you just need to click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8dv3r>.

ONLINE HOUSE GROUP For more details of our next meetings, please email Angela Jagger at: A.F.Jagger@dunelm.org.uk.

THE SHELL It's that time again! Once again, the editor is beginning to put together the Spring edition of The Shell, which he hopes to publish in the last week of February.

There must be a lot to talk about in this issue. What have you been doing during the lockdown, for example? How have you been coping? It is at times like this when sharing what we have all been up to might be particularly helpful to one another. There will, of course, be the usual fun items, but don't be dissuaded from writing something on the basis that there might not be space to print it. What gets submitted, gets printed (subject of course to the usual constraints of public decency!).

Please let Graham have your contributions as soon as possible, and in any event by **Monday, 22nd February**. Send via the Church office or directly to: **editor@stjamesthegreater.org.uk**.

CONTACTING THE TEAM Andrew can be contacted by email at: revdaquigley@gmail.com or 0116 254 4113. The Church Office can be contacted by email at: office@stjamesthegreater.org.uk or by telephoning 0116 254 2111 and leaving a message. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, further details are on our website www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk

YOUR GIVING TO ST JAMES Did you know that in a normal year over 35% of the church's income is made up of regular Direct Debits and Standing Orders from members of the congregation?

If you already give by Direct Debit or Standing Order, thank you! Of course, if you are able to increase the amount you give, that would be very welcome. We do not hold Gift Aid declarations for some people and if this applies to you, we will be in touch to ask if you can fill one in for us.

If you are not already a regular giver, please consider starting a Direct Debit through the Church of England's Parish Giving Scheme. They offer a very friendly service and will help you set everything up over the phone. They make sure that Gift Aid tax relief is claimed (this adds 25p to every £1 that you give), and they pass every penny of your donation straight through to St James the Greater.

You can contact the Parish Giving Scheme on 0333 002 1271 (local call rates apply).

Resources for Home Worship

Broadcast Media

Daily Service	Monday – Friday at 9.45am	Radio 4 LW
Choral Evensong	Wednesday at 3.30pm and Sunday at 3pm	Radio 3
Sunday Worship	Sunday at 8.10am	Radio 4
Songs of Praise	Sunday – check schedule for time	BBC I

There is also a service on Radio Leicester at 8:00am on a Sunday morning

Online

www.churchofengland.org

www.leicestercathedral.org

DAILY HOPE TELEPHONE SERVICE offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. This is a Freephone number.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service. A section called Hymn Line offers callers a selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides an increasing range of hymns and reflections on them. More options have been added.

The options are detailed below:

1. Hymns we love – one each day with a spoken reflection based on it.
2. Hymn line – favourite hymns on a repeating loop.
3. Chair exercises – a different set of exercise for each day of the week.
4. Daily Reflection for these times – read by Pam Rhodes.
5. Access to more options (6 – 9).
6. Weekly service from C of E.
7. Morning and Evening Prayer from Common Worship.
8. Latest Government advice on Coronavirus.
9. Mother's Union Midday Service.

Pressing 0 returns you to the top menu (1 – 5) and * gives access to the full text of the Archbishop of Canterbury's introduction. It is helpful to have the telephone on speakerphone to avoid having to hold the handset for a long time.

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