

EVENING PRAYER

for the First Sunday in Lent

according to the Book of Common Prayer



**Truro
Cathedral**

**Sunday 21st February
2021
at 4.00pm**

Please stand for the entry of the Clergy.

Penitential Introduction

Please remain standing as the Officiant reads the Bidding.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

Please sit or kneel and say together:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
All **We have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone
those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter
live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

Please remain kneeling or sitting as the Officiant says:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All say the Lord's Prayer together

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.**

Please stand

The Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

All **As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's name be praised.**

Psalm 119: 17-32

Please sit

O do well unto thy servant:
that I may live, and keep thy word.

All **Open thou mine eyes:
that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.**

I am a stranger upon earth:

O hide not thy commandments from me.

All **My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire:
that it hath alway unto thy judgements.**

Thou hast rebuked the proud:

and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

All **O turn from me shame and rebuke:
for I have kept thy testimonies.**

Princes also did sit and speak against me:

but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

All **For thy testimonies are my delight:
and my counsellors.**

MY soul cleaveth to the dust:

O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

All **I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me:
O teach me thy statutes.**

Make me to understand the way of thy commandments:

and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

All **My soul melteth away for very heaviness:
comfort thou me according unto thy word.**

Take from me the way of lying:
and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

All **I have chosen the way of truth:
and thy judgements have I laid before me.**

I have stuck unto thy testimonies:
O Lord, confound me not.

All **I will run the way of thy commandments:
when thou hast set my heart at liberty.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

The First Lesson Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Here begins the fifteenth chapter of the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

All **For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.**

For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.

All **For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.**

And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.

All **He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.**

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

All **He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham and his seed, for ever.

All **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.

Please sit

The Second Lesson Romans 5: 12-19

Here begins the twelfth verse of the fifth chapter of the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass,

much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

All **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.

All **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.

Please remain standing

The Apostles' Creed

All 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 Ghost,
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 sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Responses

The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Please kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon 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. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

The Collect for help in danger

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Sermon and prayers

The Bishop of St Germans

The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as the clergy depart

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