



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 28 February 2021

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A warm welcome to you all joining us from home on Facebook.

Please join in with the words in **bold**.

Our hymns today have been recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields, with thanks to the Church of England.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (NEH 375)
...sung by the Contracovids

I danced in the morning when the world was begun.
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance,
said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -
They came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high;
They left me there on a cross to die.

Refrain:

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.
Refrain:

THE GATHERING

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

THE GREETING

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**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.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSON

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord,
who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions
in penitence and faith.

CONFESION

**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 wrongdoings
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**

KYRIE... Sung by Abi Coskun

**Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

**Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy**

**Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

COLLECT

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of
Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GRADUAL HYMN

(NEH 339)

**Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me,
save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the
day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father,
and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's
empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and
always,
Be thou and thou only
the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is
won,
Great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.**

THE GOSPEL

Read by Nancy Fisher

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

*When it is announced:
Glory to you, O Lord.*

St Mark 8: 31-end

*At the end:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ*

SERMON

THE 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Geoff Martin

After: Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers

Leader: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one
body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

HYMN

(NEH 366)
**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel-day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (E)

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he, who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine Outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in
all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ,
and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit all honour and glory are yours,
O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one
body, because we all share in one
bread.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Communion Anthem:
'Send me Lord - sung by the
Contracovids

THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION / SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,
You see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our
bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all
adversities which may happen to the
body, and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies to be a living
sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your
praise and glory.
Amen**

NOTICES

HYMN

(NEH 439)

**Praise to the holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.**

**O generous love! that he
who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;**

**And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren,
and inspire
To suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**The Lord be with you
and also with you**

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 this day and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen

Organ voluntary:
J.S Bach Prelude and Fugue in C BWV 545 recorded by Graham Powell on the organ of St Peter's Limpsfield

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