

Crosslacon Sunday Worship on 28th February 2021
Second Sunday of Lent



Welcome

Call to Worship

Come God,
Come walk with your people,
For you alone are our strength and glory,
And we put our trust in you.

Come God,
walk behind us, beside us, before us.
For you alone are our shelter and direction.
And we put our trust in you.

Come God,
Come seek and find and put us right,
For you alone are the light in our darkness
And we put our trust in you.

Opening Prayer

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 love you completely,

and rightly magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

- 1** I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
- 2** I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
- 3** I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Invitation to Confession

The God of grace promises to forgive all who truly
repent, offering divine love and a fresh start.

Prayer of Confession

For all the times we have stepped back from trusting in
God's love and vision for us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Whenever we have failed to shoulder the crosses Christ
asks us to carry and have chosen not to walk in his
footsteps.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

For all the hurt we have caused when we have betrayed
the trust put in us by others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May our merciful God enrich you with grace,
And nourish you with blessing;
defend you in trouble
and keep you from all evil;
May the God of compassion accept your prayers,
And absolve you from your offences,
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
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

Gospel Reading:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark:
Glory to you O Lord

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must
undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders,
the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and
after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.
And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But
turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter
and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting
your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to
them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them
deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
For those who want to save their life will lose it, and
those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of

the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to
gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed,
what can they give in return for their life? Those who
are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous
and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also
be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father
with the holy angels.'

The is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

For the word of God in Jesus,
For God's wisdom all around us,
For God's word and wisdom in us,
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us
pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father you promise
through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray
in faith.

We ask you to keep the church faithful to the truth
revealed in holy scripture; enrich your people with the

word of Christ; for unity of purpose and for witness to the world.

We pray for our Christian leaders especially Bishop James, Bishop Emma and our ministers Nicki and Becky, that your Word will dwell richly in their hearts and that they will be led by your Spirit to knit together your people in the bonds of love. Let all those who confess your name be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy....

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may be good stewards and endeavour to protect all your creation. Inspire us to care for our common home in a sustainable way, that we may live in harmony with nature and with each other.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide and support Elizabeth our Queen and all our leaders - those with influence, responsibility and power - as they shape their decisions and policies. Guide them with your Holy Spirit and give them wisdom, courage and vision when shaping national policies, so that together we may build a future in which all may prosper and share.

Lord in your mercy.....

Caring God, we pray for all those who are suffering homelessness, injury or bereavement as a result of the effects of natural disasters, including the floods in China. We also pray for all those who live in troubled areas of the world where people are suffering as a result of conflict. Bring peace, hope and especially, expressions of love into their lives.

We pray for all who work for peace and unity and for all world leaders that they will continue to seek an end to suffering caused by war, violence, injustice and inequality. Give wisdom to the leaders of all nations and to all who have power and influence; guide them in the ways of justice, reconciliation and peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Loving God, give grace to us, our families, friends and neighbours; may we serve Christ in one another and love as he loves us. Help us to be positive influences in our communities and to be reliable and honest in all that we do. May neighbourhoods be places of friendship and trust where all are known and cared for. Help us to increase our faith and may the word of Christ dwell in us. Open our eyes to see Christ in all things and keep our hearts fixed to follow his guidance. May we live out what Christ teaches and be his disciples, then we will experience the truth - and the truth will set us free.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Healing God, comfort and heal those who are suffering in body mind or spirit. May they know your presence with them and your unfailing love. Help us to be alert to the needs of those who are anxious, isolated or housebound and help us to care for them in their vulnerability.

We pray for all those whose lives have been saddened by the deaths of loved ones. May they know your presence with them and know your deep peace.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Finally, in the silence, we bring before you our own concerns:

Silence

Everlasting God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to your mercy and protection. May we walk closely with you at our side, safe in the knowledge that your fatherly love and care knows no bounds.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
Our saviour Jesus Christ, Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

(A modern version)

God in heaven,

Your name is to be honoured.

May your new community of hope

Be realised on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the essentials of life.

Release us from our wrongdoing

As we also release those who wrong us.
Do not test us beyond our enduring;
Save us from all that is evil.
For you embrace justice, love and peace,
Now and to the end of time,
Amen

Sharing the Peace

When Christ stretched out his hands to us on the cross,
he drew us into the everlasting covenant of God's
peace.

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

And also with you.

*We listen to a piece of music whilst we take the
opportunity, if watching live, to record a peace greeting
on the comments box in Facebook Live.*

Anthem: Walk humbly with your God

Blessing

God the giver of life, give you hope.
Christ, the redeemer, give you peace.
The Holy Spirit who strengthens and guides us all,
give you direction.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Closing Responses

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.
From the familiarity of what we know
to the wonder of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.
To transform the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

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