

Sunday Worship for 21 February 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

HYMN

Forty Days and forty Nights

Sung by the St Martin's Singers

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share,
and awhile from joys abstain,
with thee watching unto prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words by: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Tune: Heinlein

WELCOME

*The Rev Canon Paul Cartwright, Priest in Charge of St Luke's Grimethorpe with St Paul's Brierley,
St James the Great Ryhill, All Saint South Kirkby & Honorary Canon at Wakefield Cathedral*

The president says

In the name of the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit,
All Amen

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you

SONG

Cornerstone

Sung by Geraldine Latty

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
but wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, cornerstone
weak made strong in the Saviour's love
through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil

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*Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan and Eric Liljero
with verses from 'The Solid Rock' by Edward Mote (1797-1874).
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The president says

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.

Silence is kept.

God of mercy,
All we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

REFLECTION

Margaret Marshall, sight-impaired member of St James the Great, Ryhill

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Read by Beau Brooke

A reader says

A reading from the book of Genesis. (9: 8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring the clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Psalm 25.1-9

Sung by St Martin's Singers

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE GOSPEL

Read by Retired Permanent Deacon in the Parishes of St Luke's Grimethorpe with St Paul's Brierley, St James the Great Ryhill, All Saint South Kirkby

The gospeller says

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark. (1: 9-15)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the word of the Lord.

SERMON

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Let us now declare our faith in God.

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.

INTERCESSIONS

*Led by Rev Prebendary Dr Isabelle Hamley, Secretary for Theology and Ecumenical Relations
and Theological Adviser to the House of Bishops*

MUSIC

Wait for the Lord

Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Wait for the Lord whose day is near

Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart.

Solo verses:

*Prepare the way for the Lord
Make a straight path for Him*

*Rejoice in the Lord always
All is at Hand
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord*

Taizé Chant

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

The president prays

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and for ever.

All Amen.

HYMN

The UK Blessing

The lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

The Lord bless you, and keep you, make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

The lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

May his favour be upon you and a thousand generations and your family, and your children and their children and their children.

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May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you, all around you, and within you, he is with you, he is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going, in your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you. He is for you.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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May his presence go before you and behind you, and beside you all around you, and within you, he is with you, he is with you.

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*Churches sing 'The Blessing' over the UK
Original Song "The Blessing" by Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Elevation Worship. Written by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick*

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