

**Morning Worship**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**  
**Sunday Next before Lent**

**First Reading:** Exodus 24: 12-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 17: 1-9

**The Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

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

**Song:** From heaven you came (Servant King)

(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4963QPHAIM>

**Invitation to Confession:**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin  
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in  
penitence and faith,  
we renew our confidence and  
trust in his mercy.

**Confession:**

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with  
our whole heart.  
We have not loved our  
neighbours as ourselves  
In your mercy,  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**Absolution:**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'

<sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

<sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Talk:** Jenny Pratt, Licenced Lay Minister  
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Ws6sDtfifo>

**Song:** Lord Jesus Christ (you have come to us)  
(Click link) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA\\_g98O42Q4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QA_g98O42Q4)

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

**The Nicene 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:**

Let us pray for the Church and for the World and let us thank God for His goodness.

Holy God your Son Jesus was wonderfully transfigured  
in front of his disciples high upon the holy mountain,  
at that time, he asked them to keep it a secret.  
Help us, not to keep the secret, but to be more confident in  
proclaiming our faith in Jesus as our Lord.  
Give us strength to live out the Gospel so that  
the world comes to know you in a personal way.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for all the members of the Church  
in their vocation and ministry,  
that they may serve you in truth and love.  
We especially pray Peter as our priest and in his  
responsibilities as Area Dean.  
We also pray for our Diocese Bishops and those in leadership

in our churches in the Dengie and Maldon area.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we pray for the leaders of the nations.

We ask that world leaders find solutions for the nations at war with each other, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth.

We bring before you areas of the world stricken by disaster, we pray especially at this time those affected by earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you gave us a beautiful world to live in and to care for.

We know that we fall short and have not met your expectations yet, we know also that you can transfigure and restore all things in creation.

We pray, for a change of heart and attitude, an awakening to a better way of living and the courage to reject wrong principles and decisions throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal.

Bring healing to every broken life, relief to all who are in pain, hope to the terminally ill and strength to all who care for them.

In a moment of silence, we bring before you those on our hearts at this time.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we raise before you those who have died in recent days and those whose anniversary falls at this time.

Comfort us and all who mourn; give us a patient faith in times of darkness and strengthen us with the knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families,

our church and our community;  
so that the world can see that we are transformed  
by Christ and draw others into Jesus' loving care.

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

**The Collect:**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and  
your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering;  
let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** These are the days of Elijah  
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca9LnzJnpjQ>

**Blessing:**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty;  
the Father, the Son

and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and  
remain with you always.

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