

Church of St Leonard, Southminster
Church of St Lawrence and All Saints, Steeple
Sunday 13th March 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

GATHERING

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

Psalm 27:

Triumphant Song of Confidence of David.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Song: This I believe
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtUNQpu2b7Q>

Invitation to Confession:

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit,
returned from the Jordon and was led
by the Spirit into the wilderness,
where for forty days he was
tempted by the devil.
Let us confess our sins remembering
before God the times when we have fallen
from temptation into sin.

Confession:

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 wrongdoing
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.

Absolution:

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by His Spirit,

and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed be the Lord
for he has heard the voice of our prayer
therefore, shall our hearts dance for joy
and in our song will we praise our God.

THE WORD

Reading 1:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. **4** Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel:

Luke 13:31-35

Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Talk: <https://youtu.be/QcsufRicuTc>

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.

Amen.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession

God of both the old and new covenants,
we give you thanks for the promises you made to Abraham,
and the promises you made through your Son.
We are blessed by your perseverance and trust,
while we dither and often let you down.
Strengthen our resolve to hear and learn
both from your advice and your parables,
so that we can fulfil your purpose for us.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Our world is full of distractions to your word.
Inspire our church leaders nationally,
in this diocese, and in our two parishes,
to interpret your teaching faithfully,
to help us to apply that faith in our everyday lives,
and to show to others the significance of our commitment to you.
Wherever we are, may you be with us and encourage us
to look for you in the world as well as in church.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us see through earthly attractions
and see the distress in many parts of the world,
and in parts of our own country too.
Help us to make a difference in resolving inequalities,
through generosity of spirit,
through imaginative action,
mirroring the love that your Son Jesus
showed to the poor and the outcast.
At this time, we pray especially for
the people of Ukraine under military attack;
for people who are homeless,
for both Ukraine and Russian families,
who have been bereaved,
especially those who have lost children.
We pray for a renewed vision of justice
and hunger for peace by rulers and those ruled,

for local politicians and those throughout the world
to influence and overturn our fears
into confidence that there will be peace.
We pray for those other conflicts
that the Ukrainian war distracts us from.
Let your mercy prevail in all of them,
especially where minorities are facing persecution.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We hold up to you those who are unwell
and who need your comfort and strength,
remembering especially
those for whom we pray for.
Let them and others unknown to us
be supported by friends, family and neighbours,
in love and with kindness.
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Let the souls of those who have died
rest in peace in your heavenly kingdom.
Comfort those who mourn,
be alongside them in their grief,
and give them hope.
Give us ears to hear them in their sorrow
and patience to walk with them as far as they need us.
Lastly, in faith and with confidence
we entrust ourselves, all Christians
and those we pray for,
to receive your love and protection.

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

Silence is kept.

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.

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.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves
and all that we offer to God
and give Him thanks.*

Song: Make me a channel of your peace
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8eorCEMIK4>

CONCLUSION

Blessing:
God, give you grace to grow in
holiness, to deny yourself,
take up your cross and follow him...
...and the blessing of God almighty;
Father Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us, and remain with us
and all those whom we love,
now and forever.
Amen.

Song: Brother sister let me serve you
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07FBSrx5Oq4>

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