

**Birthdays this Week**  
May God bless you abundantly.

Anjali Salvi (21), Joshua Iype (22), William Adams (23),  
M. Chacko (26), Monica Moses (26), Tiana John (27)

**Wedding Anniversaries this Week**

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.  
Rohit & Ashwini Milns (21)

Please take this order of service away with you to reflect  
on the readings and prayers and a reminder of your visit.

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- Make use of sanitizers kept at the entrance.
- Wearing of face covering is mandatory at all times throughout the service.
- Congregational singing is not yet permitted.
- Maintain the distance as indicated by the positioning of the chairs.
- Please take this service bulletin home with you. It is mandatory to do so.
- Leave as soon as the service is over. Avoid gathering outside in groups.
- Presently administration of Holy Communion is not allowed. Until further instructions from the Bishop, the service will be that of the Liturgy of the Word. Read the Diocesan advisory carefully.

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Order of Service  
for the Liturgy of the Word  
**The First Sunday in Lent**



**TEXT FOR THE DAY**

One of the things that some people love to do is to tell you how to be who you are. The minute they find that you are a '.....' (fill in the blank), they begin to offer direction about what a 'good' version of you would do. People love to tell you what a good Christian is and how they might respond to any particular situation.

It is therefore reassuring to discover in the Gospels that exactly the same thing happened to Jesus. No sooner had Jesus been driven out into the wilderness than the devil began to press him: 'If you are the Son of God....turn these stones into bread; throw yourself off the temple and bow down and worship me (*Matthew 4.1-11 and Luke 4.1-12*).

During Lent, we are invited back into these stories to look again with fresh eyes. The question this time is not what kind of Son of God will Jesus be but what kind of follower of this Son of God will we be? The season of Lent invites us to reflect and to ask ourselves these deep, soulful questions: Who am I really? What kind of follower of Jesus am I?

However as you observe Lent this year – whether you give things up or take new things on – may you be freed from the many voices that clamour to give you their pre-packaged, one size-fits-all answers, to hear the still, small voice of God declaring you to be a beloved child of God.

Sunday 21 February 2021 • 8.45 am  
*Welcome*

# The Gathering

# Prayer Requests

'Aus der Tiefe rufe ich'  
(Out of the depths I cry, Lord, to you)

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, BWV 745 (1714 - 1788)

## Voluntary

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

*All stand as the procession of clergy enter*

## Processional Hymn

*Sung by the Cantors.*

- 1. Forty days and forty nights  
Thou wast fasting in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights  
Tempted, and yet undefiled:**
- 2. Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
Chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
Prowling beasts about thy way;  
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**
- 3. Shall not we thy watchings share,  
And from earthly joys abstain,  
Fasting with unceasing prayer,  
Glad with thee to suffer pain?**
- 4. And if Satan, vexing sore,  
Flesh or spirit should assail,  
Thou, his vanquisher before,  
Grant we may not faint nor fail.**
- 5. So shall we have peace divine:  
Holier gladness ours shall be;  
Round us, too, shall Angels shine,  
Such as ministered to thee.**
- 6. Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
Ever constant by thy side;  
That with thee we may appear  
At the eternal Eastertide.**

Words: G. H. Smyttan (1825 -70)

Tune: AUS DER TIEFE  
Martin Herbst (1654 -81)

*Your prayers are requested for:*

- † the containment of the Pandemic among concerns of a spike in the City.
- † restraint and responsible behaviour of all residents.
- † all frontline workers.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation.
- † all those in our congregation who are unable to attend church services.
- † all churches as we begin our journey of faith this Lenten season.
- † in the Diocese, the parish in Vikhroli and the Revd M. D. Bordey.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Pune and the Rt Revd Paul Dupare.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Karnataka Central and the Rt Revd Prasana Kumar Samuel.
- † in the Anglican Communion for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and the The Most Revd Albert Chama.

## Announcements

- The Diocesan Council has been postponed. It was due to be held next Saturday. The new date will be announced shortly.
- Lenten Bible Study will be held online on Zoom every Wednesday 7pm. The link will be sent to you nearer the time.
- All members to please pay their annual subscription before March 31, 2021 in case you have not done so already.
- There have been new restrictions announced which cap the number of people in places of worship to fifty. Thank you for adhering to the safety protocols.

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Hymn at the Closing  
*Sung by the Cantors*

**All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.**

Refrain *I surrender all,  
I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

**All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow,  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.**

**All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know thy power divine.**

**All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with thy love and power,  
Let thy blessing fall on me.**

Words: Judson Van DeVenter (1855 – 1939)

Music: Winfield Weedon (1847 – 1908)

Go now in peace, may the love of God  
surround you everywhere you may go.

Natalie Sleeth (1930 -1992)

Postlude

Beloved Jesus

Johannes Brahms, Op. 122 (1833 - 1897)

The Salutation  
*The Presbyter*

Brothers and sisters in Christ:  
since early days Christians have observed with great devotion  
the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection  
and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days,  
Christians take heart the call to repentance  
and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel,  
and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore in the name of the Church,  
to the observance of a holy Lent,  
by self-examination and repentance, by prayer, fasting, and self-denial;  
and by reading and meditation on God's holy word.

*The cantors sing*

**Have mercy on us, Lord.  
Have mercy on us, Christ.  
Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Traditional Urdu melody (Pakistan), arr. R. F. Liberius

Liturgy of the Word

*The Presbyter invites all to say*

The Collect for the Day

**O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights:  
Give us grace to use such abstinence,  
that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit,  
we may ever obey thy godly motions  
in righteousness and true holiness,  
to thy honour and glory,  
who livest and reignest  
with the Father and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end.  
Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis Chapter 3

### *The Fall*

NOW the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51

*Intoned by the Cantors*

Response (all) **Have mercy on us, Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy upon me, O God, in your great love, in your compassion blot out my offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. **R**
2. To you I confess my faults, for they ever stare me in the face:  
Against you it is that I have sinned, and done evil in your sight. **R**
3. Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me:  
Cast me not out of your sight, nor take your Holy Spirit from me. **R**
4. Uphold me with your might, and strengthen me with perseverance:  
Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

*All stand*

## The Dismissal

Closing Prayer

*All say*

**Lord we are surrounded by temptations of many kinds, temptations that would lead us to do harm to ourselves or others or to neglect to do what is good. We pray that we may learn how to use aright our power to choose what we do or say. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ who was tempted to exploit the power of God within Him but resisted and followed the servant path to death and lives and reigns our Risen Lord and Saviour. Amen,**

The Blessing  
*The Presbyter*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
To deny yourselves,  
Take up you 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 always.  
**Amen.**

Lent Prose

Intoned by the Cantors

Refrain (all) **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
For we have sinned against Thee.**

Cantors To thee, Redeemer, on Thy throne of glory:  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy  
pleadings: Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

arr. John Scott

Litany of Penitance

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefa-  
thers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare  
thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by  
thy mercy preserve us for ever.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the  
devil; and from everlasting damnation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and  
hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the  
deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine agony and boody sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy  
precious death and burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and  
by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 6

AS God's workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For  
he says,

“In the time of my favour I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.  
We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will  
not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in  
every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in  
beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and  
hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy  
Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God;  
with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through  
glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded  
as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live  
on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet  
making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

While seated, follow the words sung by the Cantors.

**O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!**

**Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known,  
Whate'er that idol be,  
Help me to tear it from thy throne,  
And worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.**

Words: W. Cowper (1731 – 1800)

Tune: CAITHNESS  
Music: Melody in Scottish Psalter, 1635

*All stand for the Gospel*

*The Gospeller* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

### The Gospel of Christ

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew Chapter 4

*All say* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an-hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

*The Gospeller* This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

*All say* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain standing for the Creed.*

*All recite*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth:  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

*All sit*

Sermon  
Deacon Paul George

*All stand*

Greeting of Peace

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with  
God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.*