

Morning Prayer in Lent 5 April 2020

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: Hosanna

Psalm 118:19-24

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

**²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvellous in our eyes.

**²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Matthew 21: 1 -11

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them', and he will send them at once."

⁴ This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ "Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.”

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them.

⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰ And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?”

¹¹ And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Sermon - Chris

The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight**

all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Individual prayer

**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 peace of God, which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
And of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit
Be amongst you, and remain with you always
Amen

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.
Amen

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.