

Morning Prayer
9th February - 4th before Lent
(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)

Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.

Preparation

Give us, Father, a sense of your presence
as we turn now to worship.
Grant us gratitude as we remember your goodness,
penitence as we remember our sins,
and joy as we remember your love;
and enable us to lift up our hearts
in humble prayer and fervent praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Frank Colquhoun

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

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

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.

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ 'Woe to me!' I cried. 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.'

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'

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

New Testament reading: Luke 5:1-11

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding round him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.'

⁵ Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!' ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

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

Luke 1.68-79

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.

Prayers

Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for our schools: especially the teachers, teaching assistants and other staff*

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

Lord, you have called us to be your witnesses in the world:
give us grace to hear and obey your call.
Release us from the bondage of anxiety and fear;
restore us to love, joy and peace as we trust in you;
and so strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
that by word and good example
we may glorify you in our daily lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Collect

O God, you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and so great dangers
that, by reason of the frailty of our nature,
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;

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.

Trusting in the compassion of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."
The Lord's Prayer is said

The Conclusion

O God, grant that always,
at all times and in all places,
in things both great and small,
we may do your good and perfect will,
and continue your faithful servants
to the end of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:
Aldfield (Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;
Grewelthorpe (Holy Communion), Kirkby Malzeard (Morning Worship) and
Sawley (Holy Communion) at 10.30 am;
Kirkby Malzeard (Baptism Refreshment Service) at 3.00 pm;
online compline via Zoom at 8.30 pm.*

Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.