

## Service sheet for 21 February at 10am

Leader: Jane Preacher: Travers Hymns sung by the Collin family

Background hymns from the choir of St Martin- in -the Fields

Welcome to our live-streaming service from the home of Travers and Jane,  
Travers will be speaking to us later on Covenants and Holy Signs

At this time we journey through Lent,  
Towards the celebration that is Easter.  
Wait for the Lord; praise his name;  
Be strong and brave; put your hope in the Lord.  
**We will trust in him and keep the faith of Jesus Christ.**

Psalm 36: 5-7

### Hymn 200 Mission praise

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

*Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see*

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*Thomas O Chisholm*

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## **Confession**

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness of our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy

**Lord have mercy.**

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## **Collect**

Heavenly Father,

Your Son battled with the powers of darkness,

And grew closer to you in the desert;

Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer

That we may witness to your saving love

In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Bible readings**

**Mark 1 : 9-15**

### **The baptism and testing of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted<sup>[6]</sup> by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

### **Jesus announces the good news**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

## Genesis 9: 8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup>'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

<sup>12</sup>And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup>Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.'

<sup>17</sup>So God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on earth.'

## Talk

### Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father from whom every family  
In heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, the Risen One,  
Who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
Who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Prayers

God of mercy,

You know us and love us, and hear our prayer:

Keep us in the eternal fellowship of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 for ever. Amen.

### Hymn 428 Mission Praise

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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Family News and notices

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible,  
The only wise God,  
Be honour and glory for ever and ever.  
Amen

Now may the Lord of peace Himself  
Give you peace at all times and in every way.

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