

St Paul's Church, Egham Hythe
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Lent 3



Prayer and Introduction

'Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.'
(Job 28, 28)

Hymn: Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:
re clothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise,
in deeper reverence praise.

2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord
let us, like them, without a word:
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus shared to share with thee
the silence of eternity

Interpreted by love
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4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire
speak through the earthquake, wind and
fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 - 1892)

Prayers of Penitence

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:

I confess to you,

I confess with my whole heart

My neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,

My wrong doing, thinking and speaking;

The hurts I have done to others,

**And the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
And raise me to newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him: have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

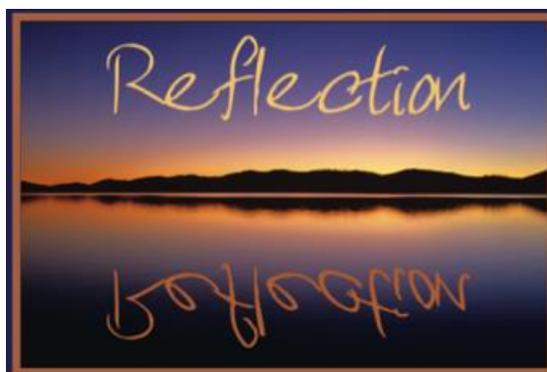
Reading: 1 Corinthians 1, 18-25, Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reflection



Hymn: God forgave my sin

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name. I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

*He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name, in earth and heav'n in Jesus name
And in Jesus' name I come to you to share his pow'r as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely...

God gives us life in Jesus name, he lives in us in Jesus name.
And in Jesus name I come to you to share his peace as he told me to.

He said 'Freely, freely you have received; freely, freely...

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,

He did not cling to equality with God,

But made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,

He was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself

And was obedient to death,

Even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high,

And given him the name above every name:

That at the name of Jesus

Every knee should bow,

And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,

To the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

cf Philippians 2: 6-11

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's 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

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.

Hymn: O Lord all the world belongs to you

O Lord, all the world belongs to You
and You are always making all things new.
What is wrong, You forgive,
and the new life You give
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world's only loving to its friends,
but you have brought us love that never
ends;
loving enemies too;
and this loving with You
is what's turning the world upside down.

The world lives divided and apart,
You draw us all together, and we start
in your body, to see

that in fellowship we
can be turning the world upside down.

The world wants the wealth to live in
state,
but you show a new way to be great:
like a servant You came,
and if we do the same,
we'll be turning the world upside down.

O Lord, all the world belongs to you
and you are always making all things new.
Send your Spirit on all
In your church whom you call
is what's turning the world upside down.

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Blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ, keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. Amen.