

# Sunday Worship in the Beacon Parish

The Third Sunday of Lent, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Welcome to this time of worship.

Here are some prayers to help you prepare before the service begins.

## Psalm 95

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

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving  
and be glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God;  
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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.

a moment of quiet.

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.

Teach me, good Lord,  
to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds;  
to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labour and not to seek for any reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

**This section is for use once the service has started.**

## **John 2**

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover,  
Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves,  
and others sitting at tables exchanging money.

So he made a whip out of cords,  
and drove all from the temple courts,  
both sheep and cattle;  
he scattered the coins of the money-changers  
and overturned their tables.

To those who sold doves he said,  
'Get these out of here!  
Stop turning my Father's house into a market!'

His disciples remembered that it is written:  
'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then responded to him,  
'What sign can you show us  
to prove your authority to do all this?'

Jesus answered them,  
'Destroy this temple,  
and I will raise it again in three days.'

They replied,  
'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple,  
and you are going to raise it in three days?'

But the temple he had spoken of was his body.

After he was raised from the dead,  
his disciples recalled what he had said.  
Then they believed the Scripture  
and the words that Jesus had spoken.

## **Communion Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days of Lent  
you lead us into the desert of reflection  
that through a pilgrimage of faith  
we may ‘seek first your kingdom and righteousness,  
that we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Bring us back Lord to your generous heart  
and through your holy word  
open our eyes to your presence in the world.

Free our hands and hearts in service and praise  
that we may welcome others

into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.  
The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.

**All Crying ‘crucify’ they nailed him to a cross  
and left him there to die.**

On the night he was betrayed  
he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.  
Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

**All This is my body, given for you all.**

Jesus gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:

**All This is my blood,  
shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you  
to plead for us and all the world.

**All Send your Spirit on us now  
that we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.**

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All 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.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

**M'sc** Jesus, lead us to the Father, by your Spirit,  
help us draw near.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
help us draw near.  
As we come with awe and gladness,  
help us draw near.

Draw near with faith and receive the gifts of God.

We receive Communion.

### **Prayer after Communion**

**All** Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

### **Blessing**

The Lord be with you  
**All** and also with you.  
  
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness  
and take up your cross and follow him;  
and the blessing ...  
**All** Amen.  
  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.



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**Presented by Canon Dr Peter Sills**

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