

7th March, 2021
Lent 3
Holy Communion
Service Sheet

Welcome to our
Service of Word and Sacrament
Rev'd. Janet and Reader, Kate
with Peter Gouldthorpe and Andrew Rosser
Join our Zoom "Gathering" at 09:30 a.m.
hosted by Kate during which the service will
be played.

Contact Sarah or Kate for details on how to join the gathering
A recording will also be available on YouTube

Our Diocese Together - March

The March issue of "Our Diocese Together" is now [available to download](#) from the Diocese of Derby website or to view online [here](#).

"Inbetween" Deanery Newsletter

Our Deanery Newsletter is available to download from here:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/deaneries/north-east-derbyshire-deanery/north-east-derbyshire-parishes.html>

Service Recordings

A Recording of today's service will be available on YouTube.

Most recent service recordings here:

21st Feb. <https://youtu.be/f8sIHtMvfOY> 28th Feb. <https://youtu.be/f3OMHleW5Nc>

For a full history of recordings, see Barlow website:

(<http://barlow-church.org.uk/coronavirus.html>).

Archdeacon Carol's services and reflections from earlier in the pandemic can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/ArchChesterfield> - You don't need a Facebook account to view them.

Other local services - The Crooked Spire's service(s) available here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDrGU56c59qfQeHsWOoy1g>

Diocese of Derby - Links to Online Services in the Diocese:

https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y88YQLe4xABvKt5_R8T8Y-Wr0I5zh41-JWIhmGw5ZeOsdDE3JyDnN1KA

Service of Word and Sacrament for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hymn: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Lyrics by Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826)

Tune: Nicea composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823 – 1876)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise
to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore
thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down
before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt
be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness
hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy
glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside
thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in
earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

The Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Amen.

The 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading: Psalm 19. 7 – end

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. ¹⁰ They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. ¹¹ By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults. ¹³ Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 18 – 25

(in the pre-recorded service, read by Andrew Rosser)

¹⁸ For the message of 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; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of

God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

At the end:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2. 13 – 22

(in the pre-recorded service, read by Peter Gouldthorpe)

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸ The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." ²⁰ They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²² 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.

And at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ.

Sermon

The Iona Creed

**We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.
We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.
We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.
We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;**

**to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.
Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

Romans 5.1,2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
[Silence]

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to 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*:

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory. On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with St Lawrence, St Peter, St Paul and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread. God's holy gifts for God's holy people. Jesus Christ is holy Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

As the priest receives communion on behalf of the whole congregation you are invited to pray privately:

Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

Silence is kept.

We pray:

**Lord God, strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Hymn: Holy Spirit, truth divine dawn this soul of mine

Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine.
Voice of God, and inward Light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle ev'ry high desire,
purify me with your fire.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine.
Boldly may I always live,
bravely serve and gladly give.

Holy Spirit, Law divine,
reign within this soul of mine.
Be my law and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

Holy Spirit, Peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
grant me your tranquility.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing,
spring, O living Water, spring!

The Blessing:

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Amen

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Amen

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Reflection for Sunday 7th March from Rev'd. Janet Quick Lent 3

In the 1960s, there was a TV series called 'The Saint'. It was based on a character created by the writer, Leslie Charteris, and was about a man who went about solving crimes and putting right injustices. He was far from a Cadfael character but, like many sleuths, just seemed to be in the right place at a wrong time. This led me to look up a definition of the word 'saint' in Chambers' dictionary only to find that the entry was almost a full column of small print. Among the entries, I found especially interesting was that the word was used by Puritans about themselves or as a nickname, also that 'St Luke's summer' refers to a pleasant spell of weather in the middle of October.

Is 'saint' a word you would use of someone you know or have known? I can't remember that I have ever done this! The first dictionary definition is 'a holy person'. We're often given to reading words of scripture or liturgy without stopping to think, 'But what does this really mean?' (If you have not yet attended the Zoom Lent 'lectio divina' sessions at 8.30pm on Wednesdays before Compline, I commend them as really worthwhile for this.)

If we struggle with saying who we may count as 'holy', maybe we're struggling with what the word really means. (Perhaps we could all spend some time profitably meditating on this as part of our Lent devotional offerings?)

All our readings for this 3rd Sunday in Lent are about holiness so we could start with them as a lectio divina focus. Sometimes, we all need to remember that God does not give us neat little packages of spiritual knowledge all tied up with celestial string for us to carefully unwrap, admire then store in a cupboard. No, we are required to struggle – 'wrestle' is a scriptural word – and work our way through what God presents us with. If we're waiting for painless answers on a plate, we'll be waiting for ever. ('Taking up our cross' – was mentioned in last week's reflection by Sarah Rosser.)

The truth is that we're all struggling with something that life has thrown at us – and the One who went before knows all about this! Could it be that holiness is about the struggle to give ourselves, in the midst of all, to the One who can give us not neat solutions but life?

St Francis of Assisi was overheard in deep prayer saying only one word over and over again: 'Jesus'.

Amen

Chesterfield Community Testing Facility (Covid-19)

There is a testing facility in Queen's Park Sports Centre on Boythorpe Road 9 am to 7 pm
no need to book.– open to any people age 11+ without Covid-19 symptoms. For more
detail: [Community testing for COVID-19 - Derbyshire County Council](#)



Bishop Libby `s Updates

From Bishop Libby

Bishop-designate Malcolm and I are hosting 'Lent Hope' through March (an hour of reflection on scripture and prayer on Monday mornings and repeated on Thursday evenings – you are welcome to join us: see the diocesan website or email

halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org for the zoom link). In these first two weeks of Lent, we have been considering the Old Testament readings set for each Sunday from Genesis, the stories of the covenants given to Noah and Abraham. In these stories Noah and Abraham face what seem like insurmountable problems – just them and their households, childlessness in advanced old age, or in the aftermath of world destroying flood. But God comes to them with hope: 'as for me' God promises, 'I establish an everlasting covenant with you - and all the earth, all nations, the generations after you'. It is God's loving promise to them in those inauspicious circumstances that is the foundation for all that follows. Of course, we know that Noah and Abraham fail, and falter thereafter despite their best intentions but God's covenant does not - good news for us, for all the earth, for all nations, for the generations after us.

However insurmountable our circumstances may feel, however small and limited our resources may seem, God has come to us with the promise of an everlasting covenant – secured not just by a rainbow or a family line, but by the blood of Jesus, his death and resurrection – which is good news, for all.

Such love without restraint gives us hope to face whatever comes, and love without measure – for His sake.

+Libby

A prayer during Lent

Almighty and ever living God,

you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus;

seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you

and those who need what we have to give.

Amen.

Giving thanks and donations

The Diocese of Derby is now supporting an initiative by Christian Aid to give both thanks and a donation once you have received the vaccine.

The donation will be used by Christian Aid to help vulnerable communities around the world access soap, food and vital health information in the face of the pandemic.

Christian Aid will also support vaccination programmes in countries where it is operating by providing data on hard-to-reach populations to local health services and by challenging misleading information about the virus and vaccination, as well as any stigma faced by those who contract Covid-19.

[Full details are available on the diocesan website.](#)

