



Welcome

The Second Sunday of Lent

25 February



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

Accessibility

There are instructions to stand at various points in the service. If you are unable to stand, please ignore them.

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I Lord The Light Of Your Love Is
Shining,
In The Midst Of The Darkness
Shining,
Jesus Light Of The World Shine
Upon Us,
Set Us Free By The Truth You Now
Bring Us,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me.**

***Refrain: Shine, Jesus, Shine,
Fill This Land With
The Father's Glory;
Blaze, Spirit, Blaze,
Set Our Hearts On Fire.
Flow, River, Flow,
Flood The Nations
With Grace And Mercy;
Send Forth Your Word,
Lord, And Let There Be Light.***

**2 Lord I Come To Your Awesome
Presence,
From The Shadows Into Your
Radiance,
By The Blood I May Enter Your
Brightness,
Search Me, Try Me, Consume All My
Darkness,
Shine On Me. Shine On Me. Refrain**

**3 As We Gaze On Your Kindly
Brightness.
So Our Faces Display Your Likeness.
Ever Changing From Glory To Glory,
Mirrored Here May Our Lives Tell
Your Story.
Shine On Me. Shine On Me. Refrain**

The Priest goes to his place and says:

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

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then
invites the candidate to come forward and
addresses him saying:*

Do you wish to be baptized?

I do.

Are you ready with your own mouth and
from your own heart to affirm your faith
in Jesus Christ?

I am.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome this
candidate and uphold him in his life in
Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and
rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion
against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and
corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us
from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth
and the life?

I come to Christ.

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is said

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second** readings.*

First Reading

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16, read by Max

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will

make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Romans 4.13-25, read by Richard

¹³The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹He did not weaken in

faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

²²Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

At the end:

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

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**1. Firmly I believe and truly
God is three and God is one:
and I next acknowledge duly
manhood taken by the Son.**

**2. And I trust and hope most fully
in that manhood crucified;
and each thought and deed unruly
do to death, as he has died.**

**3. And I hold in veneration,
for the love of him alone,
holy Church as his creation,
and her teachings as his own.**

**4. Adoration ay be given,
with and through the angelic host,
to the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Mark (8, 31-38)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow*

At the end:

Priest Merciful Father,
**All accept these prayers for
the sake of your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Amen.**

*After the Intercessions, we move to the Font,
the Priest blesses the waters of Baptism and
then says:*

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus
Christ.

Do you believe in God the Father, source
of all being and life, the one for whom we
exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us
and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy
Spirit, who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All I believe and trust in him.

This the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith. We believe
and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Priest N, I baptize you in the name
of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest Receive this light. This is to
show that you have passed from
darkness to light

**All Shine as a light in the world,
to the glory of God the
Father.**

Priest: May God, who has received you
by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his
grace, that within the company
of Christ's pilgrim people you
may daily be renewed by his
anointing Spirit, and come to the
inheritance of the saints in glory.

All Amen.

Priest: Let us now pray Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship
in the household of faith
with all who have been baptized
into your name. Keep us faithful
to our baptism, and so make us
ready for that day when the
whole creation shall be made
perfect in your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ

All Amen.

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
you always

All And also with you

Priest Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

**1. At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.**

**2. At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.**

**3. Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

**4. Name him, brothers, name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.**

**5. In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this bread
to offer, which earth has given
and human hands have made.
It will become for us the
bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever**
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this wine
to offer. Fruit of the vine and
work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink

All **Blessed be God for ever**

Priest Pray my sisters and brothers
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the
Almighty Father

All **May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hand, for
the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and
the good of all his Church.**

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply* **Amen**

Priest The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.
All **It is right to give thanks
and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music
sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues
until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
All: **Dying you destroyed our
death
Rising you restored our
life
Lord Jesus come in glory**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever
All: **Amen**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so
we pray:

**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**

Priest 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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The congregation approaches the altar to receive Communion.

All those who are in good standing with their own Church are invited to receive Communion.

Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament in wine, please return to your seat after receiving the Host.

Please receive Communion (in one kind) in your hand ONLY.

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

*During Communion, Sam Locklamp will sing
Post Communion Prayers*

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We say together:

**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.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

*The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen***

*We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West*

*End for the **dismissal***

**1. Praise, my soul, the King of
Heaven;**

**To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,**

Evermore His praises sing:

**Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.**

**2. Praise Him for His grace and
favour**

To our fathers in distress;

**Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

Praise Him, praise Him,

Glorious in His faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike He tends and spares us,

Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hands He gently bears us,

Rescues us from all our foes.

Praise Him, praise Him,

Widely as His mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore Him,

Ye behold Him face to face;

**Sun and moon, bow down before
Him;**

Dwellers all in time and space,

Praise Him, praise Him,

Praise with us the God of grace.

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

‘What’s on’ this week

Wednesday 28 February

12.00 Sandwich Lunch in church, *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

7pm PCC Meeting at the Rectory Flat

Thursday 29 February

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight

Friday 1 March

1pm Everybody Can!

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight

Saturday 2 March

10.00 – 4pm We Buy!

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight

Sunday 3 March

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Third Sunday of Lent