



Welcome

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

9 February



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart*

**2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, They
turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?....etc

**3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? etc

The Priest goes to the Lectern 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 leads the congregation in prayer:

**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.

The Priest invites the congregation to seek God's mercy and grace. We say together:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which all reply: **Amen**. The **Gloria** is sung from the separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Isaiah 6.1-8(9-13), read by Colin

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' ⁹And he said, 'Go and say to this people:

"Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand."

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.'

¹¹Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remains in it,

it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.'

The holy seed is its stump.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15.1-11, read by Richard

¹I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
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.**

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

**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.**

**5 Breathe through the heats of our
desires
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.**

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
Luke (5, 1-11)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We sit for the **Sermon***

*We stand to say the **Creed***
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen
We believe in One Lord Jesus Christ**

the only **Son of God**,
 eternally begotten of the **Father**,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one **Being with the Father**;
 through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the **Holy Spirit**
 and the **Virgin Mary**
 and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
 under **Pontius Pilate**;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the **Scriptures**;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
 the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the **Lord**, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the **Father** and
 the **Son**,
 who with the **Father** and the **Son**
 is worshipped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the
 prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
 and apostolic **Church**.
We acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
 dead, and the life of the world to
 come. **Amen**.

*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.

*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***

Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to
thee,
O lamb of God, I come,

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth, and
height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O lamb of God, I come.

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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever**
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
Priest **Blessed be God for ever**
Pray my friends 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
Sanctus and **Benedictus** *from the music sheet*
The Eucharistic Prayer continues until...

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
All: **Christ has died**
Christ is risen
Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until
Priest ...for ever and ever
All: **Amen**

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

The Agnus Dei is sung 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. We remain seated to sing the* **hymn**

Please keep absolute silence during Communion
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Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

**2 Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**3 Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued and
ended in you, we may glorify your holy
name, and finally by your mercy receive
everlasting life; 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.
and then the Priest says:*

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***

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

**4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord
All Thanks be to God

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

Tuesday 11 February

10.30am Sing Space Choir (*rehearsal, but all are welcome*)

Wednesday 12 February

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

(*please note that there is no tea and cake today*)

4pm Memorial Service

Thursday 13 February

9.30am School Eucharist – *all welcome*

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30 & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Friday 14 February

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30 & 8.30pm Love Songs by Candlelight **

Saturday 15 February

6.30 & 8.30pm Love Songs by Candlelight **

Sunday 16 February

The Third Sunday before Lent

11.00 Sung Eucharist

7.30pm Concert for Samaritans**

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