

# Morning Prayer

## March 29<sup>th</sup>

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of  
Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of  
God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of  
heaven is close at hand.'  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to  
Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your  
love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and  
cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

#### Absolution

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**  
  
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song will we praise our God.**

#### Hymn

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.

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

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.

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!

#### Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies  
open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

#### *Silence is kept.*

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.**

#### The Word of God

*Taken from: John Chapter 11*

#### *The reading ends*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the  
Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and  
the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## **Prayers**

***Intercessions are offered.***

Our response to: Lord of compassion

**Is: In your mercy, hear us.**

***The Collect is said.***

***The Lord's Prayer is said***

**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.**

## **Notices**

### **Hymn**

I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,  
should set his love upon the sons of men,  
or why, as Shepherd,  
he should seek the wanderers,  
to bring them back,  
they know not how or when.  
But this I know, that he was born of Mary  
when Beth'lem's manger  
was his only home,  
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,  
and so the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently he suffered,  
as with his peace  
he graced this place of tears,  
or how his heart  
upon the cross was broken,  
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.  
But this I know,  
he heals the broken-hearted  
and stays our sin  
and calms our lurking fear  
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;  
for still the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world is here.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,  
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,  
or who can say how great the jubilation  
when every heart with love and joy is filled.  
But this I know,  
the skies will thrill with rapture,  
and myriad myriad human voices sing,  
and earth to heav'n,  
and heav'n to earth, will answer,  
'at last the Saviour,  
Saviour of the world, is King!

### **The Blessing**

#### **The Grace**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**