

Christ Church Morning Worship - 1st Sunday of Lent, 6 March 2022

Greeting:

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The beginning of Lent:

Leader: Everything that happens on earth happens at the time God chooses.

Women: **God sets the time for birth and the time for death,**

Men: **the time for sorrow and the time for joy,**

Women: **the time for tearing and the time for mending,**

Men: **the time for scattering and the time for gathering,**

Women: **the time for seeking and the time for losing,**

Men: **the time for keeping silence and the time for speaking.**

(from Ecclesiastes 3)

Prayer for Today

Song & hymn to bring us into worship: Father God, fill this place & Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Our young people leave for their own activities and worship

We ask for forgiveness:

Loving God we try to look at ourselves openly and honestly, but we find it so hard, for we are often blind to our faults, closed to anything that disturbs the image we have of ourselves.

So we come to you, appealing to your grace and mercy.

Search us, we pray – forgive us our sins, cleanse us of our inequities, have mercy on our weakness.

We keep a moment of silence

Song: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Before you, Lord Jesus, we admit how and where we have underestimated our influence, letting our words or silences hurt, abusing trust, betraying confidences.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We admit how and where we have made a show of our religion, attracting more attention to us, and less to you.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

We admit to where in our lives a vague interest has become a dangerous passion, and we are not sure what to do or whether we are still in control.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus Christ, if we have looked or longed for an easier gospel, a lighter cross, a less demanding saviour, then turn our eyes and avert our longing from what we want to choose to the one who has chosen us.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

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Song: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Remake us, redeem us, restore us, and grant that we may live as your people, a new creation in Christ, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Hymn: Here in the presence

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11
This the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Hymn: Beauty for brokenness

New Testament Reading: Luke 4.1-13
This the Word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Hymn: All I once held dear

Creed:
There is one God and Father: from him all things come.
There is one Lord Jesus Christ: through him we come to God.
There is one holy Spirit: in him we are baptised into one body.
We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers

Collect:
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit, and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Notices

Hymn: Lord, for the years

Concluding Prayer:

Lord God, you have taught that all we have comes from you: teach us also to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our possessions, that they may be generously and effectively used in the service of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing