



St EDWARD

KING & MARTYR

21 February 2021 / First Sunday of Lent

Welcome to St. Edward's!

We hope you are blessed by your time with us and we look forward to seeing you again. There is an Induction Loop in the Nave for those using a hearing aid and wheelchair access available at the West door. The toilet is available in the vestry, with an additional parent and child area for those with infants and toddlers if needed. Children are always welcome in service and will find books and activities in the back of the church.

Hymn 526 – When Jesus Came to Jordan (*We stand to sing*)

Welcome & Greeting

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

(We have a moment of silence)

Preparation (*Please sit or kneel*)

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11.28)

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (*John 3.16*)

Hear what Saint Paul says: This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (*1 Timothy 1.15*)

Hear what Saint John says: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins (*1 John 2.1, 2*)

Confession

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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.

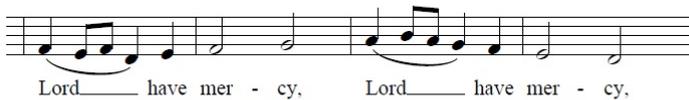
Old Testament Lesson (Genesis 9:8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between

me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

David Thome



From Psalm 25: 1-9 *(Please remain seated as the psalm is sung)*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
 let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,
 but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

- for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Gospel (*We stand as we welcome the Gospel*)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
(1:9-15) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out
of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' 12 And
the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was
in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with
the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John
was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of
God, 15 and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God
has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon 'Into the Wilderness' -Mark Scarlata

Affirmation of Faith *(We stand to declare our faith together)*

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and has given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel for our intercessions)*

(Intercessor says) Lord, in your mercy

(We respond) **Hear our prayer.**

(at the end we pray together) **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *(We stand to share 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 (Rom. 5.1, 2). The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn 56 – Forty Days and Forty Nights *(During the hymn the collection will be taken)*

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

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 forever praising you and singing:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please sit or kneel)*

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

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 forever. 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.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy

on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(All who regularly receive communion in their church are welcome to receive here. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, with their hands downwards on the altar rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please raise one finger at the altar rail.)

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 224 – Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us

Notices

Blessing

May Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Upcoming Services:

Friday 26 February - 10.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 28 February - 11am Holy Communion

StED Talks: Join us via Live Stream at 12.15pm

Friday 5 March with Prof. Ben Quash: 'Making Reception History: A Theological Justification for Visual Commentary on Scripture'. King's College London, Professor of Christianity and the Arts.

Lenten Home/Zoom Groups: At St. Edward's, as in previous years, we will mark it with a Lenten reading group. This year, we have chosen Rowan Williams' book *Candles in the Dark: Faith, Hope and Love in a time of pandemic* (<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/candles-in-the-dark>). This year groups will be meeting via Zoom. If you

would like to join a group then please contact Matthias Grebe (mg471@cam.ac.uk).

Zoom Coffee Hour: We will be hosting a Zoom coffee hour each week after the service for those who are still joining us via livestream. The Coffee Hour will begin at 12:15pm each week via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84339693141?pwd=eTlmcGNTTGdmcnFwc2xjMVBYZUQ2UT09>

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