

Sunday 16th February 2025 Third Sunday before Lent

Let us gather for worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered: let us worship him together.

# Song WE HAVE COME INTO THIS PLACE

And gathered in His name to worship Him, We have come into this place And gathered in His name to worship Him, We have come into this place And gathered in His name To worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him and worship Him, So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him and worship Him, So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him And worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him and worship Him, He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him and worship Him, He is all my righteousness, I stand complete in Him And worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us lift up holy hands And magnify His name and worship Him, Let us lift up holy hands And magnify His name and worship Him, Let us lift up holy hands And magnify His name And worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord.

Let us confess our sins

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: **save us and help us.** For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: save us and help us. For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us: save us and help us. For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Christ

You, Christ, are the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of all creation. You created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers, all things were created through you and for you. Lord of all creation **we worship and adore you.** You are the radiant light of God's glory: you hold all creation together by your word of power. Lord of all creation **we worship and adore you.** You are the first to be born from the dead. All perfection is found in you,

and all things were reconciled through you and for you, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when you made peace by your death on the cross. Lord of all creation we worship and adore you. The Church is your body, vou are its head. You take your place in heaven at the right hand of the divine majesty, where we worship and adore you with all your creation, saying: 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.

### Song

#### ONLY BY GRACE CAN WE ENTER,

Only by grace can we stand; Not by our human endeavour, But by the blood of the Lamb. Into Your presence You call us, You call us to come. Into Your presence You draw us, And now by Your grace we come, Now by Your grace we come.

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, Who would stand? Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed By the blood of the Lamb.

# (Repeat)

## We hear the word of God

## Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 15.12–20 Luke 6.17–26

# Talk

Song GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say 'I am strong,' Let the poor say 'I am rich,' Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)

*(Last time)* Give thanks.

What we believe

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God. 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 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.

Let us turn to God in prayer

### **The Collect**

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

**Our Intercessions** 

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 and the evil one. For the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours

#### now and for ever. Amen.

Final Hymn I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY Of the Christ who died for me; How He left His home in glory For the cross on Calvary. I was lost but Jesus found me, Found the sheep that went astray; Threw His loving arms around me, Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised but Jesus healed me, Faint was I from many a fall; Sight was gone, and fears possessed me, But He freed me from them all. Days of darkness still come o'er me; Sorrow's paths I often tread, But the Saviour still is with me, By His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me till the river Rolls its waters at my feet, Then He'll bear me safely over, All my joys in Him complete. Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story Of the Christ who died for me; Sing it with the saints in glory, Gathered by the crystal sea.

### **Final Prayer & Blessing**

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.

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9.00 am Holy Communion I Corinthians 15: 12-20 and Luke 6: 17-26
10.30 am Holy Communion I Corinthians 5: 12-20 and Luke 6: 17-26
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February Holy Communion at St Andrews

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Revelation 4 and Luke 8:22-25

10.30 am Morning Worship Revelation 4 and Luke 8:22-25

6.00 pm Evensong Genesis : I -2:3 and Mark 6:25-end

Wednesday 26<sup>ª</sup> February Holy Communion at St Peter's

#### **Church Electoral Roll**

The roll is renewed this year and everyone on the roll must fill in a form to remain on the roll. Forms will be available in Church, from the Church Office and Mary Medcraft from Sunday 9th of February. These forms must be complete and returned to Church, the Church Office or Mary Medcraft by Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> .After March 8<sup>th</sup> no more new names can be added until after the APCM (Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>).

The new roll will be completed and posted in Church by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will remain posted for 14 days for checking for any errors.

Any problems, please contact Mary Medcraft (Enrolment Officer for the PCC) on 01562720165.

#### An eco tip

Green your home. Combat climate change and reduce heating costs by identifying and sealing drafts around your home. Find the gaps that let the cold air in and warm air out (think keyholes, letterboxes, cracks around the edges or bottoms of windows and doors, loft hatches, floorboards, etc.) and fix these gaps using the correct materials and online tutorials. Additionally, place foil or radiator panels to reflect heat into your room. Pray for those who might be experiencing the cold this winter

#### **Black Country Food Bank**

The needs of the Foodbank are: Packets of Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Soup, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jars of Coffee, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Roll-on Deodorant.