

MATTINS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Minister: O Lord, save thy people.

Answer: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anthem: Anthem: *O Saviour of the World*
– John Goss

The Sermon

Hymn 586 – The God of Abraham Praise
omit vv 4-8

Prayers

The Grace (*said together*): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 470 – I the Lord of sea and sky

Blessing and Dismissal

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 amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Answer: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntary: *Fanfare* – Kenneth Leighton

Hymn 496 – Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

Sentence of the Scriptures

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple. *Ps 27 v4*

Welcome and Introduction

Bidding

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

General Confession

O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Absolution

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Versicles and Responses

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

Answer: O Lord, make haste to help us. (*stand*)

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord.

Answer: The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 27

- 1 THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

6 And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

10 O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.

15 I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16 O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord. *(please stand)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson: Genesis 15: 1-12 & 17-18

The Venite

1 O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

3 For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.

5 The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.

6 O come, let us worship and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

8 To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

9 When your fathers tempted me :
proved me, and saw my works.

10 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways.

11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath :
that they should not enter into my rest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: Luke 13: 31-35

Hymn 101 – All ye who seek for sure relief

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Versicles and Responses

Minister: The Lord be with you.
Answer: And with thy spirit.
Minister: Let us pray. *(please kneel or sit)*
Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Answer: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Answer: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O Lord, save the Queen.
Answer: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer: And make thy chosen people joyful.