**Morning Prayer for the First Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday 18th February 2024 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15**) This Sunday we are looking forward to worshipping with you on Zoom or Conference Call

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**Preparation**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,

*All* **according to your judgement give us life.**

*A Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy; to you be praise and glory for ever. In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*A Song of Penitence*

1    Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;

according to the abundance of your compassion

blot out my offences.

2    Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness

and cleanse me from my sin.

3    For I acknowledge my faults

and my sin is ever before me.

4    Against you only have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight,

5    So that you are justified in your sentence

and righteous in your judgement.

6    Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your holy spirit from me.

7    Give me again the joy of your salvation

and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

8    Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked

and sinners shall return to you.

9    Deliver me from my guilt, O God,

the God of my salvation,

and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

*Psalm 51.1–5,12–15*

*All***Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

**The Word of God**

The Psalm Psalm 25

Refrain **Remember, Lord, your compassion and your love.**

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.

All **Remember, Lord, your compassion and your love.**

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.

All **Remember, Lord, your compassion and your love.**

*All* **Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

*First Reading* Genesis 9:8-17

8Then 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.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Canticle* The Song of Manasseh

*All* **Full of compassion and mercy and love**

**is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

1    Lord almighty and God of our ancestors,

you who made heaven and earth in all their glory:

2    All things tremble with awe at your presence,

before your great and mighty power.

3    Immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy,

for you are God, Most High.

4    You are full of compassion,

long-suffering and very merciful,

and you relent at human suffering.

*All* **Full of compassion and mercy and love**

**is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

5    O God, according to your great goodness,

you have promised forgiveness for repentance

to those who have sinned against you.

6    The sins I have committed against you

are more in number than the sands of the sea.

7    I am not worthy to look up to the height of heaven,

because of the multitude of my iniquities.

*All* **Full of compassion and mercy and love**

**is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

8    And now I bend the knee of my heart before you,

imploring your kindness upon me.

9    I have sinned, O God, I have sinned,

and I acknowledge my transgressions.

10  Unworthy as I am, you will save me,

according to your great mercy.

11  For all the host of heaven sings your praise,

and your glory is for ever and ever.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now**

**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

***All* Full of compassion and mercy and love,**

**is God, the Most High, the Almighty.**

*Second Reading*Mark 1:9-15

*The Baptism of Jesus*

9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And 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. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*The Temptation of Jesus*

12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

*The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry*

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good newsof God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*We pause to reflect on the readings*

**Prayers**

In penitence and faith

let us make our prayer to the Father

and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people,

that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

For candidates for baptism and confirmation,

that they may live by every word

that proceeds from your mouth,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

For the leaders of the nations,

that you will guide them

in the ways of mercy and truth,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

For the needy,

that they may not be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit,

especially …

that they may know your power to heal,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

For the poor in spirit, for the bereaved

and those recently departed this life

especially …

that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven

and see you face to face,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

Let us commend the world,

for which Christ suffered,

to the mercy and protection of God.

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **Hear our prayer**

*The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent*

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 our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Lord’s Prayer*

Trusting in the compassion of God,

as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as it is 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.**

*Blessing*

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness,

to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

be with us, and all those we love and pray for,

today and always.

*All* **Amen**

**Future events**

There will be a Service of Compline Prayer at 6.30pm on all the Wednesdays in Lent on Zoom, (with the exception of Wednesday 28 February). Everyone is welcome to join with Steph in this service.

**Bible Study Group:** Next Bible Study February 26th at 2.30pm at The Cottage Washfield. If you would like to come could you contact Tim Gorringe t.j.gorringe@exeter.ac.uk or the Church Office 01884 250417 office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

**28 March - Agape Meal - Withleigh - 6.30pm.** Please let the church office know if you are coming to help with catering, thank you. office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org Tel:01884 250417

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