

The Benefice of St Mary the Virgin,
Higham Ferrers with St John the Baptist,
Chelveston-cum-Caldecott

Lent 2021



Fifth Sunday in Lent

21st March 2021

*‘The hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified’*

Welcome to this Online Service



Jesus says to us ‘Come to me – follow me’ and following Jesus, as those first disciples discovered, means walking the way of Jesus, ultimately of course, the way of the cross.

On the fifth Sunday in Lent, we follow Jesus as the way begins to draw to a close – and he again speaks of the necessity of his death as the means of generating new life. We know this as we see it all around in nature – ‘unless a grain of wheat falls upon the ground and dies it remains just a single grain – but if it dies, it bears much fruit.’

Today, as we enter into Passiontide, our service takes on a different form as we hear the prayers and reading of Passion Sunday set against the words and music of Faure’s Requiem, and so helps us to prepare for the final part of the journey that lies ahead, as we walk with Jesus the way of the cross that leads to his death.

Many thanks to the Northampton Bach Choir and their Director, Lee Dunleavy, for allowing us to use their recording of Fauré’s Requiem for today’s service.

The Gathering

We sing together

Hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

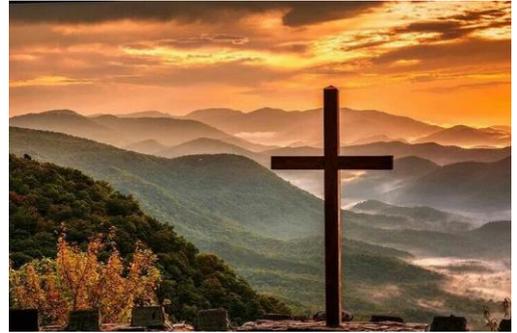
**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: William Williams (1717-1791)

Music: CWM RHONDDA John Hughes (1872-1914)

The Greeting - Paul

We meet in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Call to Worship – Michelle & Chris

○ Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall declare your praise
○ Lord, open our eyes
that we may behold your presence
○ Lord, open our ears
that we may hear your call
○ Lord, open our hearts
that we may respond to your love
○ Lord, open our lives
that we may rejoice in your creation.



Introit et Kyrie

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

*Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem*

*Exaudi orationem meam
ad te omnis caro veniet*

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them*

*Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto Thee
shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem*

*Hear my prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come*

*Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison*

*Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy*

Prayers of Confession – Brenda

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.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

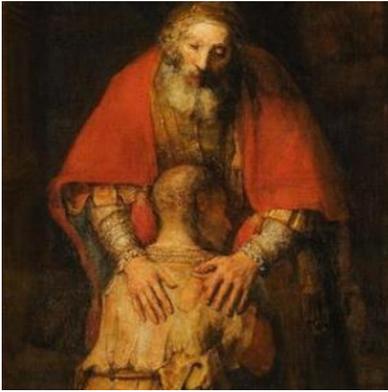
We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

Absolution – Paul



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 Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt (Lent Course Week 3)

Offertoire

*O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriam
libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu*

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of all the faithful departed
from the pains of hells and from the bottomless pit.*

*O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriam
libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis
ne absorbeat eus Tartarus ne cadant
in obscurum*

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver them from the lion's mouth,
nor let them fall into darkness neither the black
abyss swallow them up.*

*Hostias et preces tibi Domine,
laudis offerimustu suscipe pro animabus illis
quarum hodie memoriam facimus
Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam
Quam olim Abrahæ promisisti et semini eus.*

*We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer and
praise - receive it for those souls whom today
we commemorate.
Allow them, O Lord, to cross from death into
the life which once Thou didst promise to Abraham
and his seed.*

*O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Gloriam
libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu
ne cadant in obscurum.
Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of all the faithful departed
from the pains of hells and from the bottomless pit.
nor let them fall into darkness.
Amen*

The Collect - Lesley

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sanctus

*Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua
Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Gospel – John 12: 20-33 – *read by Linda*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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



Christ in the Wilderness: Consider the lilies, by Stanley Spencer (Lent Course Week 5)

Hymn

***Unless a grain of wheat shall fall
upon the ground and die,
it remains but a single grain with no life.***

**If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm we shall reign with him.**

**If anyone serves me
then they must follow me;
wherever I am my servants will be.**

**Make you home in me
as I make mine in you;
those who remain in me bear much fruit.**

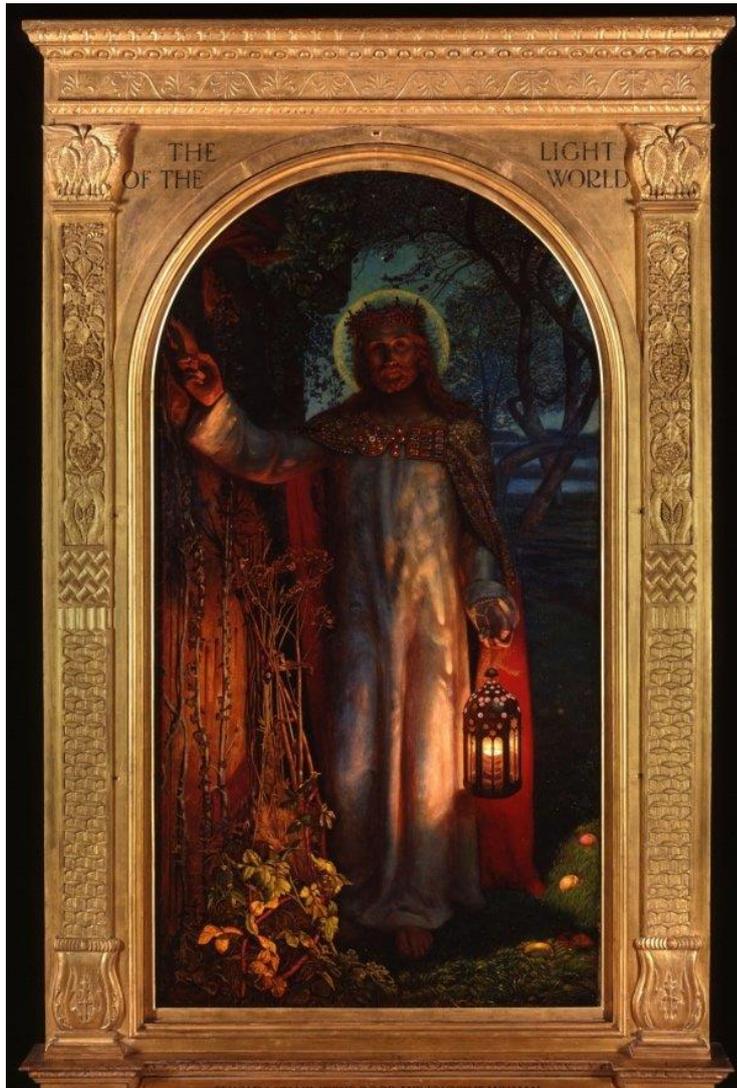
**If you remain in me
and my word lives in you,
then you will be my disciples.**

**Those who love me
are loved by my Father;
we shall be with them and dwell in them.**

**Peace I leave with you,
my peace I give to you;
peace which the world cannot give is my gift.**

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) based on John 12

Reflection – Linda



The Light of the World, Holman Hunt (Lent Course Week 4)

Worship Song:

*Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.*

Prayers - led by Michelle & Chris

Lord Jesus Christ, you were lifted up on the cross
for us and for our salvation;
help us to triumph over evil and to do good,
to give ourselves to you as you give yourself for us,
to live and work to your praise and glory.

Lord of the church,
may we bring others to see you and to know you,
in knowing you to love you,
and in loving you to serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom.

Lord of the world,
may those who lead our nations
live and work with humility and sensitivity.
We pray for those living under tyranny,
and for all who work for freedom and justice.

Lord of all people,
may we live together in gentleness and generosity,
seeing you in one another,
and knowing that all are made in your image.
We thank you for those who have helped us to see you.

Lord of the cross,
may those who suffer and are troubled
know you walk alongside them,
bearing the lamp of grace and the light of hope.

Lord of all life,
may those who are reaching the end of their lives
be strengthened with your courage,
and those who have died, be welcomed into the place you have
prepared for them, where sorrow and pain are no more.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the green blade
which rises from the buried grain,
wheat which in the dark earth lies for three days,
new life which bursts forth into the glorious morn.
Lord of all mercy, help us to know this mystery,
and to trust in the rest of eternity to which you lead us.
Amen.



Snowdrops in Walsingham Wood (Lent Course Week 1)

Pie Jesu

*Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem
dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem*

*Merciful Jesus, Lord, grant them rest
grant them rest, eternal rest.*



The Lord's Prayer – led by Brenda & John

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Agnus Dei

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant them rest*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant them rest*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi
dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant them rest, everlasting rest.*

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,
quia pius es.*

*May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,
with Thy saints for ever,
because Thou art merciful.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

The Peace - Michelle

Set your troubled hearts at rest,
believe in him who has conquered death.
Trust in God who gives life eternal.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*We share peace with those we are with, and with those we join with
in worship, near and far, in this world and in eternity.*



Libera me

*Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
Dum veneris judicare saeculum
per ignem*

*Deliver me, O Lord, from everlasting death
on that dreadful day
when the heavens and the earth shall be
moved when thou shalt come to judge the
world by fire*

*Tremens factus sum ego et timeo
dum discussio venerit atque
ventura ira*

*I quake with fear and I tremble
awaiting the day of account and the
wrath to come*

*Dies illa dies irae
calamitatis et miseriae
dies illa, dies magna
et amara valde*

*That day, the day of anger
of calamity, of misery,
that day, the great day,
and most bitter.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine
et lux perpetua luceat eis*

*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
Dum veneris judicare saeculum
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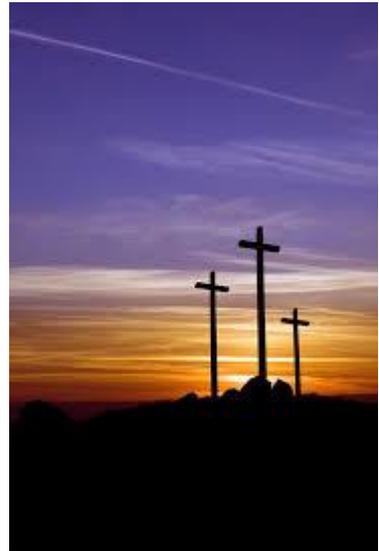
Guernica, Pablo Picasso (Lent Course Week 2)

Final Prayer - Lesley

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn

***Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name.***



**Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:**

**Each new-born servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died:**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!**

*Words: George William Kitchin (1827-1912) & Michael Robert Newbolt (1874-1956)
Music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)*

Blessing - Paul

The Father who created light out of darkness,
the Son who is the light of the world,
the Spirit who enlightens everyone,
be with you and scatter the darkness from you,
that you may walk as children of light;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.



Final Acclamation – Michelle & Chris

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation;

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

In Paradisum

*In Paradisum deducant Angeli in tuo
adventu suscipiant te Martyres
et perducant te in
civitatem sanctam Jerusalem*

Jerusalem

*Angelorum te suscipiat
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem*

Aeternam habeas requiem

*May the angels receive them in Paradise,
at their coming may the martyrs receive them
and bring thee into the holy city Jerusalem*

Jerusalem

*There may the chorus of angels receive thee,
and with Lazarus, once a beggar,
may thou have eternal rest.*

May thou have eternal rest.



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