

## Order of Service for Morning Prayer Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021, 8am

### Notices

### Opening Words

O Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

**According to your judgement give us life.**

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.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

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. **Amen.**

### Psalm 77

*In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.*

1 I cry aloud to God; ♦

I cry aloud to God and he will hear me.

2 **In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord; ♦**

**by night my hand is stretched out and does not tire;**

**my soul refuses comfort.**

3 I think upon God and I groan; ♦

I ponder, and my spirit faints.

4 **You will not let my eyelids close; ♦**

**I am so troubled that I cannot speak.**

5 I consider the days of old; ♦

I remember the years long past;

- 6 I commune with my heart in the night; ♦**  
**my spirit searches for understanding.**
- 7 Will the Lord cast us off for ever? ♦  
Will he no more show us his favour?
- 8 Has his loving mercy clean gone for ever? ♦**  
**Has his promise come to an end for evermore?**
- 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? ♦  
Has he shut up his compassion in displeasure?
- 10 And I said, 'My grief is this: ♦**  
**that the right hand of the Most High has lost its strength.'**
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord ♦  
and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your works ♦**  
**and ponder your mighty deeds.**
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; ♦  
who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who worked wonders ♦**  
**and declared your power among the peoples.**
- 15 With a mighty arm you redeemed your people, ♦  
the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God;**  
**the waters saw you and were afraid; ♦**  
the depths also were troubled.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; ♦  
your arrows flashed on every side;
- 18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind;**  
**your lightnings lit up the ground; ♦**  
**the earth trembled and shook.**
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, ♦  
but your footsteps were not known.
- 20 You led your people like sheep ♦**

**by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

*In the day of my trouble I have sought the Lord.*

*God our shepherd, you led us and saved us in times of old; do not forget your people in their troubles, but raise up your power to sustain the poor and helpless; for the honour of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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.**

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-end

Bible Reading: Mark 1:9-15

Sermon

Responsory

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.**

Prayers of intercession

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. **Amen.**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,**

**Hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come,**

**Your will 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

Dismissal

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**