

## Order of Service for Morning Prayer Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 8am

### Notices

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 18:1-25

*The Lord my God shall make my darkness to be bright.*

- 1 I love you, O Lord my strength. ♦  
The Lord is my crag, my fortress and my deliverer,
- 2 **My God, my rock in whom I take refuge, ♦  
my shield, the horn of my salvation and my stronghold.**
- 3 I cried to the Lord in my anguish ♦  
and I was saved from my enemies.
- 4 **The cords of death entwined me ♦  
and the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.**
- 5 The cords of the Pit fastened about me ♦  
and the snares of death entangled me.
- 6 **In my distress I called upon the Lord ♦  
and cried out to my God for help.**
- 7 He heard my voice in his temple ♦  
and my cry came to his ears.
- 8 **The earth trembled and quaked; ♦  
the foundations of the mountains shook;  
they reeled because he was angry.**
- 9 Smoke rose from his nostrils  
and a consuming fire went out of his mouth; ♦

burning coals blazed forth from him.

**10 He parted the heavens and came down  
and thick darkness was under his feet.** ◆

11 He rode upon the cherubim and flew; ◆  
he came flying on the wings of the wind.

**12 He made darkness his covering round about him,  
dark waters and thick clouds his pavilion.** ◆

13 From the brightness of his presence, through the clouds ◆  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.

**14 The Lord also thundered out of heaven; ◆  
the Most High uttered his voice  
with hailstones and coals of fire.**

15 He sent out his arrows and scattered them; ◆  
he hurled down lightnings and put them to flight.

**16 The springs of the ocean were seen,  
and the foundations of the world uncovered ◆  
at your rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of your displeasure.**

17 He reached down from on high and took me; ◆  
he drew me out of the mighty waters.

**18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, ◆  
from foes that were too mighty for me.**

19 They came upon me in the day of my trouble; ◆  
but the Lord was my upholder.

**20 He brought me out into a place of liberty; ◆  
he rescued me because he delighted in me.**

21 The Lord rewarded me after my righteous dealing; ◆  
according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me,

**22 Because I had kept the ways of the Lord ◆  
and had not gone wickedly away from my God,**

23 For I had an eye to all his laws, ◆  
and did not cast out his commandments from me.

**24 I was also wholehearted before him ◆  
and kept myself from iniquity;**

25 Therefore the Lord rewarded me  
after my righteous dealing, ◆  
and according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

*The Lord shall make my darkness to be bright.*

*From your royal throne, O God, you sent your living Word to pierce the gloom of oppression;  
so, in our souls' night come with your saving help and penetrate our darkness with the rays  
of your glory in 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 Corinthians 18-25

Bible Reading: John 2:13-22

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

*Prayers are offered finishing with the collect:*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.**