

Zoom Service Lent 3 7th March 2021

Introduction: As we continue to journey through lent, and through our reflections on creation, we are consistently reminded of our humility. We live before the creator of all things. We are told to remember our duty to tend to creation, to subdue and care for it, and to play our part within God's world. And we come in light of our sinful selves, knowing we can do all things through, and only through, God's sustaining power.

Instructions for zoom service: please use 'mute' throughout but join in all words in bold.

Minister: Welcome

Hymn 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

THE GREETING

Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you

Minister: We have come together in the name of Christ: to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit: we may give ourselves to the service of God.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

**All Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,**

**We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

Minister: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the third Sunday in Lent:

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

Old Testament Reading 1: Genesis 1: 9-13

Lent Anthem: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

Richard Farrant

Sung by St Martin's in the Field

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past.

And give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart,
before thee now and evermore.

New Testament reading: John 15: 1-8

Sermon: Let the land produce vegetation

Sarah Groombridge LLM

APOSTLES CREED

All 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints;

The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Mute

Minister: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

Mute

Hymn 3 O for a heart to praise my God

Minister: The blessing.