

## Morning Worship Online – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### *The Second Sunday of Lent*

*Words of Welcome – Adam*

#### I. *The Introduction*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

We come to worship this morning from different places.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

**O God, do not be far from us.**

“Deny yourselves.”

**O God, do not be far from us.**

“Take up your cross.”

**O God, do not be far from us.**

“Follow me.”

**O God,  
we thank you for drawing near to us  
in this place,  
in our lives.**

**Amen.**

~ written by Joanna Harader, and posted on **Spacious Faith**.

<http://spaciousfaith.com/>

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' (Matthew 11:28-30)

In the silence, we call to mind now those sins we ought to confess to God.

And we invite his strength and help, his yoke that is easy and his burden that is light, for this coming week:

*Silence*

Let us receive afresh the grace and goodness of God, his pardon and peace, as we confess our sins to the Father:

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;  
and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Help us to amend our lives;**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you and set you free from sin, strengthen you in goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 2. *The Ministry of the Word*

*Hymn – My God, I love thee not because (Choir of St John's Church, Maindee)*

## **Reading – Mark 8:31-38**

### *Jesus predicts his death*

31 He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. 32 He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

33 But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. ‘Get behind me, Satan!’ he said. ‘You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’

### *The way of the cross*

34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.’

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### *Sermon – Gareth*

#### *The Baptismal Creed*

**I believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**I believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again.**

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.  
This is our faith.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

3. *Prayers – Adam*

The Diocesan Lent Prayer for 2021

**Sovereign Lord,  
all our beginnings and endings are  
encompassed by you.  
Help us follow in the footsteps of Christ  
and seek your Kingdom with all our hearts.  
In Jesus, may we find firm footing for our feet  
and clear direction to our travels.  
With his life and love breathed into our witness,  
may we stand with him,  
who, for the joy that was set before him,  
endured the cross.  
Amen.**

(Composed by Archdeacon John Lomas.)

Intercessions from Church in Wales' Time and Seasons for Lent

Let us seek for the Lord who will answer us, who will free us from all of our fears. Let us look to the Lord and be radiant; our faces shall not be ashamed.

For the Church, to whom God in Christ has entrusted the ministry of reconciliation:

that we may live as a new creation, appealing in Christ's name for all to be reconciled to God.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are caught up in love of material things:

that they may look on everything as rubbish compared to knowing Christ and having a place in him.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer:

that in sharing in Christ's sufferings for the world they may know, too, the joy of his risen life.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those with broken friendships or family rifts:  
that they may know the reconciliation of Christ who pleads for us as the right hand of the Father.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are spiritually thirsty:  
that they may drink of the water which Christ gives, and which wells up within us to eternal life.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who exercise the ministry of deliverance:  
that they may know the protection of the Holy One and be filled with discernment and peace.  
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Let your face shine on us, O Lord,  
as we make our prayer to you.  
Rescue us from our distress  
and transform our poverty by the richness of your grace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

*Collect Prayer for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent*

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant that all who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may reject those things

that are contrary to their baptism,

and follow in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord;

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Collect for St David*

God our Father,

you gave Saint David to the people of Wales to uphold the faith:

encouraged by his example,

may we joyfully hold fast to the things

which lead to eternal life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory,

now and for ever. **Amen.**

4. *Conclusion*

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness

To deny yourselves

Take up your cross and follow him

And the blessing of God Almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Farewell Words – Adam*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God,**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit**

**be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

*Final Hymn – Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer*

*(sung by the Christ Church Roath Park Cardiff Music Group)*