

Sunday Prayers for the Second Sunday in Lent

28 February 2021

*The Gathering*¹

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice 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, Source, Word, and 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.

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.

The Psalm

I will declare your name to my people; •
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.

**Give praise all you that fear the Lord; •
proclaim God's greatness, all you children of Jacob,
stand in awe all you children of Israel.**

For you, O God, have not despised or abhorred
those living in poverty in their affliction: •
you have not hidden your face from them,
but you heard them when they called to you.

**You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly; •
my vows I will perform in the sight of those who fear you.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek you, O Lord, shall praise you: •
may they be in good heart for ever.

**Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord, •
and let all the families of the nations bow down before you.**

For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, •
and you are the ruler over the nations.

**As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you; •
all those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you?**

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you; •
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.

**To a people as yet unborn they shall make known •
the saving deeds you have done.**

Psalm 22.22—30

**Glory to God,
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Genesis 17.1—7, 15--16

Listen for the leading of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Mark 8:31—38

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reflection

The Prayers of the People

Versicle and Response:

V let us pray.

R Have mercy, O God.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you,
O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who teaches us to pray:

**Our Father
in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
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.**

The Collect²

God of Sarah and Abraham,
long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing.
Strengthen us in faith,
that, with your disciples of every age,
we may proclaim your deliverance in Jesus Christ
to generations yet unborn,
through the same Jesus the Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Solemn Prayer over the People³

Let us bow down before the Lord.

Keep this your family, Lord,
with your never-failing mercy,
that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace,
they may be upheld by your divine protection;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

¹ *Common Praise: Daily Prayer*. Church of England. “Morning Prayer. Lent.” 238—39.

² *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*. Consultation on Common Texts.

³ *The Book of Occasional Services* 2018. The Episcopal Church of the United States.