

# **The Liturgy for 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Parishes in the  
East Telford Benefice**



**The Parishes of  
Holy Trinity, Oakengates  
St Peter's, Priorslee  
Holy Trinity, Wrockwardine Wood**

## **Welcome**

Grace and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: and also with you.**

**All: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

With all your soul, with all your mind,

And with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All: Amen, Lord have mercy**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only son Jesus Christ  
To save us from our sins,  
To be our advocate in heaven,  
And to bring us to eternal life.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
And to live in love and peace with all.

Let us now say sorry for the wrong we have done.

### **Confession**

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

## **Collect for 2nd 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 to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

## **Reading**

### **Genesis 17:1-7,15-16**

This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**All: Glory to you O Lord**

### **Mark Chapter 8:31-38**

This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon Venerable Julian Francis -  
Archdeacon of Walsall**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

**Of all that is seen and unseen,**

**we believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God  
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through  
him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and  
was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to  
judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no  
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father  
and Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken  
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **Intercessions**

**Bidding: Listen Lord Jesus, Let my fears be few**

**Response: Walk one step before me. I will follow you**

## Spiritual Communion

And now we give you thanks  
because you formed your Church on the apostles  
to stand firm for ever, as a sign on earth of your infinite  
holiness and the living gospel for all to hear.

Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your  
hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

*Psalm 139: 7-10*

Jesus says, Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;  
if you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

*Revelation 3:20*

Lord our God you prepare a table before us  
and, although we cannot be present at your Holy Eucharist,  
by your grace, open our hearts to receive  
the gift of your Son, the Word made flesh:  
who, on the night that he was betrayed took bread, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper, he took the cup  
he gave it to them saying, drink this all of you, this is my  
blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for

many for the forgiveness of sins, do this in remembrance of me.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that, though separated by distance, we may still, through faith, be partakers in the benefits of Christ's offering of his body and his blood. This we ask, through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

*A time of reflection follows, as each person present makes their own spiritual communion with God and we hear*

*The period of spiritual communion concludes by saying the Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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.**

'Remember, I am with you to the end of the age,'  
says the Lord.

*Matthew 28:20*

## **Blessing**

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, Son and  
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

**All: Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen**

## **Notices**