

Service for Caversham Park URC on Sunday 23 March 2025
3rd in Lent, year C

Preparing to hear God's Word

Call to Worship

Hymn Glorious things of thee are spoken 173

Prayers of Approach, Adoration and Confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (3)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*
And so I say to you in God's name:
Our sins are forgiven.

Hearing God's Word

Theme Introduction

Collect for the Day

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading from Scripture Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm Psalm 63:1-9

Reading(s) from Scripture Luke 13:1-9

Hymn For the fruits of his creation

Sermon

Responding to God's Word

Hymn Beauty for brokenness

An Affirmation of Faith

1. Christ is the image of the unseen God,
the first-born of all creation;
**for in him all things were made,
in heaven and on earth.**

2. Through him and for him
all things were made;
**he exists before all things,
and holds them in unity.**

3. The Church is his body,
and he is its head;
he is the beginning,
the first-born from the dead.

**4. God made all his fullness
to dwell in him,
to reconcile through him
all creation to himself.**

5. Everything on earth
and everything in heaven,
**when he made peace
by his death on the cross.** *Colossians 1:15-20*

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven...

The Offering

Hymn Meekness and majesty

The Blessing