

Service for Sunday 25 February 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent

Opening

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Greetings to those present and those watching online

Lighting of peace candle and other candles

Hymn Jesu, lover of my soul

Praise

We praise you, Heavenly Father, because you have given us life, and with it, all that we need to live, food, drink, shelter, friends and family. You have given us knowledge of yourself, so that we can have faith in you. And you have given us your only Son, Jesus, to be our Saviour and show us how to live.

Praise be to you, our Heavenly Father.

Jesus lived and taught the truth with such radical commitment that the powerful could not put up with him, but put him to death on a cross to get rid of him. But death could not keep him. He rose again from the dead and ascended into heaven where he lives and reigns with you in the kingdom where we hope to live.

We trust in you, Lord Jesus Christ.

To fulfil his work you sent your Holy Spirit, our guide, supporter, strengthener and friend, to live with us and in us and to enable us to follow you in faith.

We bless you, Holy Spirit of God.

We worship you, the one God in three persons.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Confession

Lord, we admit to you that we fall short of what we should be. We do not always love you with our whole hearts. We do not remember how you want us to be, or follow your ways. We do not always love our neighbours as ourselves. We give preference to our own wishes and interests, and disregard others. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Forgive us our sins, Lord, and through your Holy Spirit help us to change and to obey your will, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died to save us.

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus says to us: "Behold, I am making all things new." And: "Your sins are forgiven."

And: "Follow me."

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn And can it be

First Reading Romans 4 :13 – 25

Psalm 22 :23 – 31

Hymn I, the Lord of sea and sky

Second Reading Mark 8 :31 – 38

Sermon

Hymn At the name of Jesus

Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Hymn Take my life, and let it be

Notices

Blessing