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**Morning Praise (Live Stream)**  
***First Sunday in Lent***  
**February 21st 2021**

**COMING TOGETHER**

*Leader*

As we gather today in your name,

*All*

**we pray that you would fill our hearts, our minds and our souls.**

**Transform us Lord, and make us more like you.**

**Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**Welcome & Notices**

**Song:** Who put the colours in the rainbow

**The Confession (KNEEL/SIT)**

*Leader – Prayer*

**All God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we have sinned.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought, said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Leader Absolution*

### **A Short Children's Talk – Sarah Phelps**

*Leader* A prayer for those learning online

**Song:** The Lord's my Shepherd

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Readings – Rodney Stratford**

#### **Genesis 9:8-17 (NIRV)**

<sup>8</sup> Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons who were with him. He said, <sup>9</sup> “I am now making my covenant with you and with all your children who will be born after you. <sup>10</sup> I am making it also with every living creature that was with you in the ark. I am making my covenant with the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals. I am making it with all the creatures that came out of the ark with you. In fact, I am making it with every living thing on earth. <sup>11</sup> Here is my covenant I am making with you. The waters of a flood will never again destroy all life. A flood will never again destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> God continued, “My covenant is between me and you and every living creature with you. It is a covenant for all time to come. Here is the sign of the covenant I am making. <sup>13</sup> I have put my rainbow in the clouds. It will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Sometimes when I bring clouds over the earth, a rainbow will appear in them. <sup>15</sup> Then I will remember my covenant between me and you and every kind of living creature. The waters will never again become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> When the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it. I will remember that my covenant will last forever. It is a covenant between me and every kind of living creature on earth.”

<sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, “The rainbow is the sign of my covenant. I have made my covenant between me and all life on earth.”

### **Mark 1:9-15 (NIRV)**

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. <sup>10</sup> Jesus was coming up out of the water. Just then he saw heaven being torn open. Jesus saw the Holy Spirit coming down on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> A voice spoke to him from heaven. It said, “You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you.”

<sup>12</sup> At once the Holy Spirit sent Jesus out into the desert. <sup>13</sup> He was in the desert 40 days. There Satan tempted him. The wild animals didn’t harm Jesus. Angels took care of him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee. He preached the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Turn away from your sins and believe the good news!”

*Reader* This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader* Prayer

## **Sermon - Elizabeth Roles**

**Song:** Give us eyes of faith

## **The Creed**

*Leader* Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

*All* **We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

**Prayers – Ann Laird**

*These responses may be used:*

*All* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

*Leader* The Collect

## **The Lord's Prayer:**

*All*      **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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

**Song:** Amazing God

## **The Blessing**

May God give us  
His comfort and his peace  
His light and his joy  
In this world and the next

*Leader*    Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*All*        **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Giving

A big thank you to those who are already giving regularly. We are very grateful. Although our income is much reduced at this time, we still have most of our outgoings.

To those who aren't using one of our regular giving schemes, may we encourage you to consider one of these options if your financial circumstances permit. We would highlight the Parish Giving Scheme, as in addition to its website ([www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)), the scheme has been made even easier to join via a telephone service designed to enable prospective donors to set up a regular direct debit gift over the phone. Those 'who don't do online banking' are finding this a straightforward way to set up a regular donation to their local parish churches. The dedicated phone number is 0333 002 1271 and our parish's PGS Code is 416012141 (The Parish of Nursling with Rownhams in the Diocese of Winchester)

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