

Morning Worship  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
St John's Church,  
Rownhams

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ be  
with you.  
**And also with you.**

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer

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upon the Lord.  
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Our God, you reign forever,  
Our Hope,  
our strong deliverer.  
You are the everlasting God,  
The everlasting God.  
You do not faint,  
you won't grow weary.  
  
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You're the defender  
of the weak,  
You comfort those in need.  
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SHORT TALK

Prayer for the young people and their leaders.

Young people go to their groups



CONFESSION

God of mercy and forgiveness:  
 You have placed us in a wonderful  
 and beautiful world. Yet, we have  
 spoilt it through our greed, through  
 our neglect and carelessness, and  
 we have put its life in danger.  
 Forgive us.

You are a bountiful provider giving  
 us more than we need. Yet we are  
 so unwilling to share; so many go  
 hungry, so many have no place to  
 call home. Forgive us.

You have placed us in communities  
 and taught us to love our neighbour,  
 to care for one another, and to  
 support each other in times of need.  
 Yet, too often, we only think of  
 ourselves. We neglect the needs of  
 others, and too easily walk by on the  
 other side. We fail to love sacrificially  
 and seek only to blame others for  
 their situations. Forgive us.

You have created people in your  
 image and know each hair on every  
 head, yet we fail to get to know  
 others. We seek difference rather  
 than finding what we have in  
 common. We reject those who are  
 not like us.

We seek to have power over, and to  
 control others. We have caused  
 misery and fear, through conflict,  
 violence and war, despite your  
 commanding us to love our enemies  
 and treat the foreigner residing in our  
 land as one of our own. Forgive us.

Help us to see the world and all your  
 creation anew. Take our broken souls  
 and remake us, worthy of the name  
 "children of God."  
 Amen

We hear of God's  
 forgiveness

I lift my eyes up  
 to the mountains,  
 where does my help  
 come from?  
 My help comes from you,  
 maker of heaven,  
 creator of the earth.

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O how I need you, Lord,  
you are my only hope;  
you're my only prayer.  
So I will wait for you  
to come and rescue me,  
come and give me life.

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I C I C E

The first reading is from  
Genesis, chapter 2,  
beginning at verse 15

The Lord God took the man  
and put him in the garden of  
Eden to till it and keep it.  
And the Lord God  
commanded the man, 'You  
may freely eat of every tree  
of the garden; but of the  
tree of the knowledge of  
good and evil you shall not  
eat,

for in the day that you eat  
of it you shall die.'

*Continuing at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse  
of chapter 3*

Now the serpent was more  
crafty than any other wild  
animal that the Lord God  
had made.

He said to the woman, 'Did  
God say, "You shall not eat  
from any tree in the  
garden"?' The woman said  
to the serpent, 'We may eat  
of the fruit of the trees in  
the garden; but God said,  
"You shall not eat of the  
fruit of the tree that is in the  
middle of the garden,

nor shall you touch it, or  
you shall die.'" But the  
serpent said to the woman,  
'You will not die; for God  
knows that when you eat of  
it your eyes will be opened,  
and you will be like God,  
knowing good and evil.' So  
when the woman saw that  
the tree was good for food,

and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel reading

The Gospel reading is taken from Matthew's Gospel, chapter 4 beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God,

command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him,

'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ



Sermon

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to him in prayer!

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O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

1a 1b 2a 2b 3a 3b

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

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Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness -  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

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Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
 cumbered with a load of care?  
 Jesus only is our refuge,  
 take it to the Lord in prayer!

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Do thy friends despise,  
 forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
 thou wilt find a solace there.

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**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.**

These responses may be used:

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

And at the end:

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

A prayer for today

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Thank you for saving me;  
 what can I say?  
 You are my everything,  
 I will sing your praise.  
 You shed your blood for me;  
 what can I say?  
 You took my sin and shame,  
 a sinner called by name.

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Great is the Lord.  
Great is the Lord.  
For we know your truth has  
set us free;  
you've set your hope in me.

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Mercy and grace are mine,  
forgiv'n is my sin;  
Jesus, my only hope,  
the Saviour of the world.  
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;  
God, let your kingdom come.  
Your word has let me see,  
thank you for saving me.

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Thank you to all today's team

May God the Father,  
who does not despise the broken  
spirit,  
give us repentant hearts. **Amen**

May Christ,  
who bore our sins in his body on  
the tree,  
heal us by his wounds. **Amen**

May the Holy Spirit,  
who leads us into all truth,  
speak to us words of pardon and  
peace. **Amen**

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy  
Spirit be with us all, evermore.  
Amen

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

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available now  
in the side chapel at  
the front of the  
Church.



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