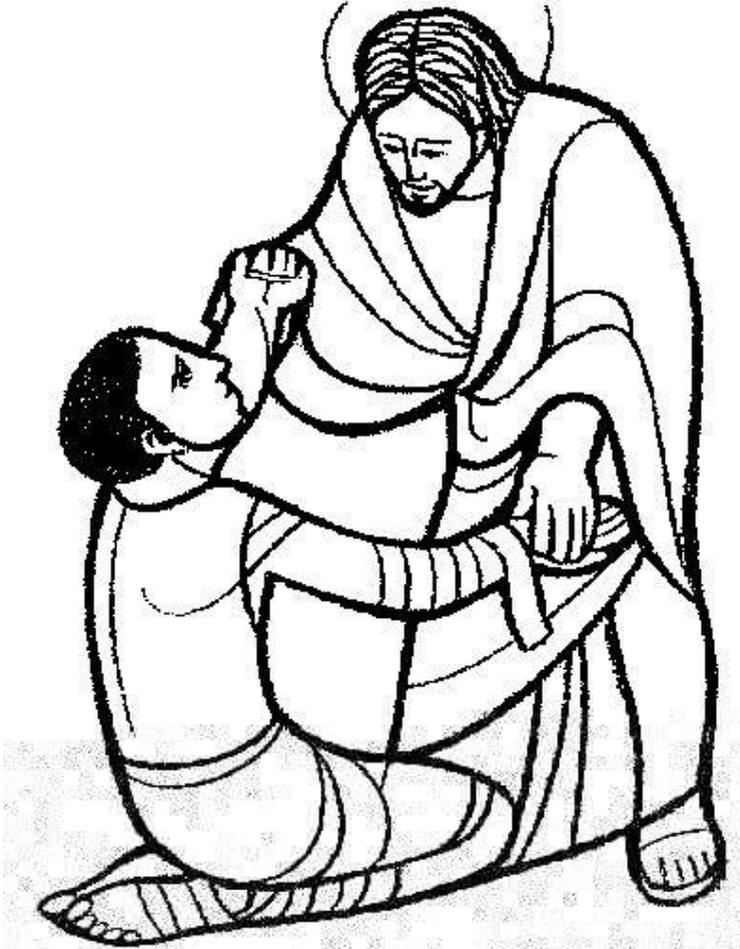


Service for the Second Sunday before Lent



St Laurence Church, Downton

7 February 2021

Preparation

Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word,
**and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth. Amen!

John 1

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Team Rector introduces the service

Hymn: *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!*
(St Martin's Voices)

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

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kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Gathering:

Come and worship Christ,
the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:
the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God!
Let's worship together.

Colossians 1:15-17

Canticle:

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendour.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
**and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for ever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Psalm 29

**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.**

Prayer:

God of extravagant grace,
may your Spirit refresh our hearts
and through the reading of the scriptures
may we perceive all that we can do for Christ
and so grow in our faith toward our Lord Jesus.
Amen.

Worship@North

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings:

Colossians 1:15-20

John 1:1-14

After each reading:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Music: Psalm 121
(*Sons of Korah*)

Prayers

We are led in a time of prayer

This response is used:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer is said:

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.**

Conclusion

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing:

You are the body of Christ.
May you have the heart of Christ,
tender for mercy.
May you have the eyes of Christ
to see a world in need.
May you have the feet of Christ
to bring good news;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
**that his way may be known upon earth,
his saving power among all nations.**

Psalm 67

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!