YouTube service for St John's and All Saints' on the second Sunday of Lent, 28th February 2021

Welcome and introduction

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

Opening prayer

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you. Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.

Music

Christ triumphant, ever reigning Michael Saward (1932-2015) Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

Invitation to confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,

and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit all *our* days. **Amen.**

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.

Old Testament reading

Genesis 17:1-7

Music

Take up thy cross
Charles William Everest (1814-77)
Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

New Testament reading

Mark 8:31-end

Reflection

Chrissy Cole

Reflective music for lent

Holy Spirit come to us Jacques Berthier Taizé Community

Sonnet

Temptations: 2. All the kingdoms of the world by Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.

Music

Lord, you have my heart
Martin Smith and Delirious

Intercessions

Concluding with 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.

Music

O breath of life come sweeping through us Elizabeth Head (1850-1936) Tune and sung by Andy Piercy

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,

Revive Your church with life and power. O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us, And fit Your church to meet this hour.

O Breath of love, come breathe within, Renewing thought and will and heart; Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win, Revive Your church in every part.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us, Till humbly we confess our need; Then in Your tenderness remake us, Revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within, Renewing thought and will and heart; Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win, Revive Your church in every part.

Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating While harvest fields are vast and ripe? Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting, Equip Your church to spread the light. O Breath of love, come breathe within, Renewing thought and will and heart; Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win, Revive Your church in every part.

Concluding prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessing and dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen