

YouTube service for St John's and All Saints' on the fifth Sunday of Lent. 21st March 2021.

Welcome and introduction

God in Christ has revealed his glory.
Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

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

All I once held dear
Graham Kendrick
Sung by Robin Mark

Invitation to confession

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.'
We long for the fire of God's cleansing
to touch our unclean lips,
for our guilt to be removed and our sin
wiped out.
So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit
with repentance in our hearts.

The Confession

**Forgive us Lord for our apathy, for our lack of courage to speak out.
Forgive us when we walk past and don't offer help.
Forgive us when we get it wrong.**

We confess that we are afraid- we don't want to overcome our hidden doubts and prejudices in order to be alongside those who are different from ourselves.

We ask that you would lead us into action: give us strength to be a voice crying for justice and peace.

Help us to step into another person's shoes, or if they have no shoes then not to be afraid to take off our own, peel off our preconceptions and assumptions, uncurl and spread out our toes, and tread in their footprints.

May we be a liberating presence and offer love, compassion and whatever is needed

to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Amen

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you
from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:

grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Old Testament reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Music

I will offer up my life
Matt Redman

New Testament reading

John 12:20-33

Reflection

Paul

Reflective music for Lent

Beyond these shores
Iona (band)
Tribute to Iona

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.
All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

Spirit of the living God
Daniel Iverson (1890-1972)
Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

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

All for Jesus

William Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

Concluding prayer

Lord, you've guided us through the difficult days of Lent, encouraging us along the way. We pray as we move towards the darkest day, that you'll not forsake us but remind us of our Saviour's ultimate gift and promise of new, abundant, eternal life for all who believe and trust in him, your precious son, Jesus.

Blessing and dismissal

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

