

**YouTube service for St John's and All Saints' on the second Sunday of Lent, 7th March 2021**

**Welcome and introduction**

We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs,  
hears our cries,  
feels our pain,  
and heals our wounds.**

**Opening prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Restore the lives which without you are dead.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Kindle the hearts which without you are dull.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Enlighten the minds which without you are dark and blind.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the church which without you is an empty shrine.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
and teach us how to pray.  
Come, Holy Spirit.  
**David Adam**

**Music**

*At the name of Jesus*  
Caroline Noel (1817-77)  
Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

**Invitation to confession**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**The Confession**

**Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your  
commandments,  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned  
against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**Absolution**

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

**Collect**

**Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are  
promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Old Testament  
reading**

Exodus 20:1-17

**Music**

*As the deer*

Martin Nystrom

Sung by Don Moen

**New Testament  
reading**

John 2:13-22

**Reflection**

David Chamberlin

**Reflective music for  
lent**

Mendelssohn's setting of Psalm 42

*Wie der Hirsch schreit*

**Sonnet**

Temptations: 3. On the pinnacle by  
Malcolm Guite from *Sounding the Seasons*

**The Creed**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the  
Son of God.

**All** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on  
high,

and given him the name above every  
name:

that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus  
Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Music**

*Here is love*

William Rees (1802-83)

Sung by Robin Mark

**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**

*Breathe on me breath of God*

Edwin Hatch (1835-89)

Chet Valley Churches, Norfolk

## **Concluding prayer**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to  
withstand the temptations of the world,  
the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow  
you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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**

