

The Benefice of Clavering, Langley, Arkesden,
Wicken Bonhunt, Manuden and Berden

Morning Prayer for Palm Sunday



Sunday 5th April 2020

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

All your saving power among the nations.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

- 1 **Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,**
- 2 **Which was brought upon me,
which the Lord inflicted
on the day of his fierce anger.**
- 3 **For these things I weep;
my eyes flow with tears;
for a comforter is far from me,
one to revive my courage.**
- 4 **Remember my affliction and my bitterness,
the wormwood and the gall!**
- 5 **But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:**
- 6 **The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;**
- 7 **They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

- 8 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
- 9 The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
- 10 It is good that we should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.
- 11 For the Lord will not reject for ever;
though he causes grief, he will have compassion,
- 12 According to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12, 16a,b; 3.19, 21-26, 31-33

All 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.

This opening prayer may be said

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

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.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody – Psalm 31.9-16

- 9 Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
my soul and my body also.
- 10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**
- 11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,
an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
- 12 I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.**
- 13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on every side;
they scheme together against me,
and plot to take my life.
- 14 But my trust is in you, O Lord.
I have said, 'You are my God.**
- 15 'My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'**
- All 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.**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 50.4-9a

Canticle

All I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.

- 1 Who is this that comes from Edom,
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?
- 2 Who is this in glorious apparel,
marching in the greatness of his strength?
- 3 'It is I, who announce that right has won the day,
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'
- 4 Why are your robes all red, O Lord,
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?
- 5 'I have trodden the winepress alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me.'
- 6 I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High;
- 7 All that God has done for us in his mercy,
by his many acts of love.
- 8 For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,'
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.
- 9 So God redeemed them by his love and pity;
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

Isaiah 63.1-3a, 7-9

All 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.

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the praises of the Most High.

New Testament Reading – Matthew 21.1-11

Homily

Gospel Canticle

- All** The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.
- 1** Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2** He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3** Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4** To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5** This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6** Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
- 7** And you, child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8** To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9** In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10** To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.68-79*

All **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.**

All **The word of the cross is folly
to those who are perishing,
but to those who are being saved
it is the power of God.**

Prayers

After each section the following response may be used.

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

And at the end

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

Silence may be kept.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All Our Father ...

The Conclusion

May Christ, who bore our sins on the cross,
set us free to serve him with joy.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

