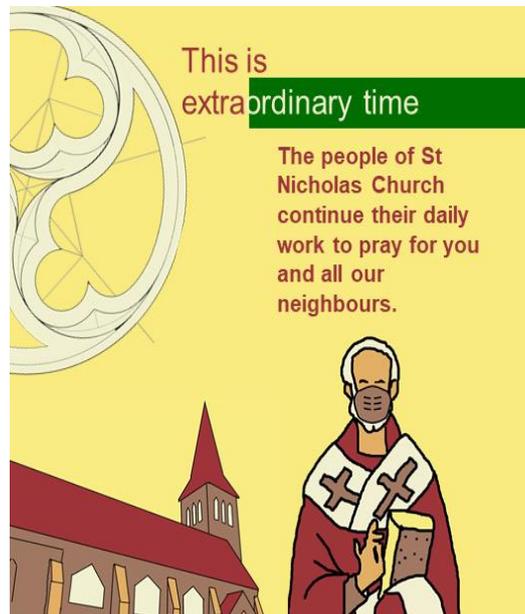


Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton
for 2nd Sunday before Lent, 7 February 2021
Collect, hymns & readings



Collect (prayer of the week)

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.**

Hymns

Opening *Angel voices ever singing*
Gradual *Christ triumphant ever reigning*

Readings

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 *The Gifts of Wisdom, Wisdom's Part in Creation*

8 Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

²² The LORD created me at the beginning* of his work,*
the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields,*
or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker;*
and I was daily his* delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1.15-20 *The Supremacy of Christ*

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in* him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in* him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1.1-14 *The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life,* and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

10 He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own,* and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,* full of grace and truth.

Praying as a milestone is passed

The UK tragically passed 100,000 COVID-19 deaths on Tuesday 26 January. Our hearts and prayers go out to all those affected and grieving.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued an open letter to the nation. They are calling on the nation to come together to pray from **1 February at 6pm**. Here is a link to the statement: <https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/news-and-statements/coronavirus-archbishops-invite-nation-pause-pray-and-remember>

The Dean of Southwark, the Very Revd Andrew Nunn has provided a prayer:

'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?'
'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal.'
(Revelation 7.13, 14)

God of love,
who hold us in life as in death,
as we commend each one of those who have died
to your eternal and tender care
comfort all who grieve,
hold us in our sorrow
and give us that sense of hope
which brings us all
to resurrection life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I encourage you to make a habit of daily prayer, whether *A Way of Daily Prayer* (attached, or on website under Useful Information-Service Sheets); Common Worship *Daily Prayer* <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>; or *Book of Common Prayer*.

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer:

Sunday 7 February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

MP Deuteronomy 8.1-10, Matthew 6.25-end

EP Genesis 2.4*b*-end, Luke 8.22-35

Monday 8 February

MP Ecclesiastes 7.1-14, John 19.1-16

EP Genesis 29.31-30.24, 2 Timothy 4.1-8

Tuesday 9 February

MP Ecclesiastes 7.15-end, John 19.17-30

EP Genesis 31.1-24, 2 Timothy 4.9-end

Wednesday 10 February

MP Ecclesiastes 8, John 19.31-end

EP Genesis 31.25-32.2, Titus 1

Thursday 11 February

MP Ecclesiastes 9, John 20.1-10

EP Genesis 32.3-20, Titus 2

Friday 12 February

MP Ecclesiastes 11.1-8, John 20.11-18

EP Genesis 33.1-17, Titus 3

Saturday 13 February

MP Ecclesiastes 11.9-end of 12, John 20.19-end

EP Genesis 35, Philemon