

Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton
For 3rd Sunday of Lent, 7 March 2021
Collect, hymns & readings

A prayer for Ash Wednesday

Holy God, our lives are laid
open before you:
rescue us from the chaos of sin
and through the death
of your Son bring us
healing and make us
whole in Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen



Collect (prayer of the week)

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.**

Hymns

As the deer pants for the water
Take my life, and let it be

Readings

Exodus 20.1-17 *The Ten Commandments*

20Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before* me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third

and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation* of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.*

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25 *Christ the Power and Wisdom of God*

18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2.13-22 *Jesus Cleanses the Temple*

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 (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 March 3rd Sunday of Lent

MP Jeremiah 38, Philippians 1.1-26

EP Exodus 5.1-6.1, Philippians 3.4b-14

Monday 8 March *Edward King, bishop 1910*

MP Jeremiah 11.1-17, John 7.37-52

EP Genesis, 47.1-27, Hebrews 4.14-5.10

Tuesday 9 March

MP Jeremiah 11.18-12.6, John 7.53-8.11

EP Genesis 47.28-end of 48, Hebrews 5.11-6.12

Wednesday 10 March

MP Jeremiah 13.1-11, John 8.12-30

EP Genesis 49.1-32, Hebrews 6.13-end

Thursday 11 March

MP Jeremiah 14, John 8.31-47

EP Genesis 49.33-end of 50, Hebrews 7.1-10

Friday 12 March

MP Jeremiah 15.10-end, John 8.48-end

EP Exodus 1.1-14, Hebrews 7.11-end

Saturday 13 March

MP Jeremiah 16.10-17.4, John 9.1-17

EP Exodus 1.22-2.10, Hebrews 8