

St Mary's Ecclesfield

*Following Jesus, Celebrating Life,
Welcoming All.*

Sunday 21st February 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against
us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

O Holy Fire,
O Holy Grace.
By your birth,
bring us life.
By your overcoming of troubled spirits,
make us strong.
By your integrity,
make us true.
By your fortitude in trials,
keep us firm.
By your self-giving death,
make us generous.
By your mission to call us to rest in you,
raise us to eternal life.

**Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of
darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in
wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so
much that He gave His only Son to be our
Saviour, give us the grace each day to take up
our cross and follow Jesus,
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now
and forever. **Amen**

Let us go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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fold lengthways

The grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ be
with you.
And also with you.

Happy are those whose transgression is
forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no
iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
While I kept silence my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity.
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the
Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
(Ps 32:1-3,5)

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Confession

In a moment of honest reflection we confess
to God our failure to live as His children and
our failure to love our neighbours.
We keep a time of silence.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

May the loving Father who sent His Son into
the world to save sinners, bring us His pardon
and peace, now and forever. **Amen**
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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The Lord is the strength of my life.
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Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
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The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without
sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

The Word of God

Reading - Genesis 9:8-17

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel - Mark 1:9-15

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Sermon

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith we have peace
with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, for
He is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
We share a sign of peace.

Intercessions

Response:
Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end.
Merciful Father
accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer:

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and
teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.