**20 March 2022 - The Third Sunday in Lent – Morning Prayer**

**Processional Hymn 640 - Purify my heart**

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

*Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire
is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my master, ready to do your will.*

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

**Greeting, Introduction & Welcome**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

**Confession**

**Heavenly Father,**
**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour**
**in thought and word and deed,**
**through negligence, through weakness,**
**through our own deliberate fault;**
**by what we have done** **and by what we have failed to do.**
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,**
**forgive us all that is past;** **and grant that we may serve you in newness of life** **to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Versicles**

O Lord, open our lips **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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.**

Praise the Lord. **The Lord’s name be praised.**

**Hymn 687 - Come let us praise v 1,2**

Come, let us praise the Lord,
with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad
and bless his saving Name.
Lift high your songs before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth,
our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth,
the hills, are in his care.
He all decrees, who by his hand prepared the land and formed the seas.

**1 Corinthians 10:1–13 - please be seated**

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: ‘The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.’ We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did – and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did – and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did – and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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

**Song 100 - Jesus loves me (C)**

Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! he who died\_
heaven’s gate to open wide;
he will help me and will stay
close beside me all the way.

**Hymn 2 - Faithful One (K)**

Faithful one, so unchanging
Ageless one, you’re my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again
I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
you lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm
Your love is, the anchor
My hope is in You alone.

**Luke 13:1–9 - please be seated**

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, “For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?”

“Sir,” the man replied, “leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig round it and fertilise it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”

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**Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,**
**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**
**born of the Virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died and was buried;**
**he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again;**
**he ascended into heaven,**
**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**
**and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the People - From page 112**

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father. . .**

**Versicles and Responses - Page 113**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
**and grant us your salvation.**
O Lord, save the Queen
**and grant her government wisdom.**
Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
**and let your servants shout for joy.**
O Lord, save your people
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**
O God, make clean our hearts within us
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

**The Collects - Third Sunday in Lent**

**537 - O God our help in ages past**

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

2 beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

**Sermon - The World God Loves**

**Prayers for the Ukraine**

**Thanks & Praise 64 - In Christ alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, - When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

2 In Christ alone! - who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand

**Dismissal Prayer**

Let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Mothering Sunday next week at 1000 and 1200**

**Bishop’s Bike Ride: arriving Carryduff around 930 tomorrow.**

For Diocesan Lenten Appeal for Christian Aid (Honduras) & TEAR Fund (Jordan)