

**The Ironstone Benefice
Lenten Service on 7th March 2021
10.30am by Zoom
With the Reverend Canon Glyn Evans**

Introductory Music – La Calinda by Delius

Welcome: We have come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us.

Pause to reflect.....

Minister: As God's People We have gathered

All: Let us worship him together

A Lenten Prayer

Wilderness God, as we journey through Lent,
help us to bring the whole of ourselves
into the mystery of your presence.

We come to you now,
in our weakness and vulnerability,
to find in you our healing and wholeness.
Meet us now in this place and time, and be our guide
as we find the path to your love again **Amen**

Hymn – Choir of Wells Cathedral

**The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his Holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one Holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping
their cry goes up: 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in one
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee**

Let us pray -The Minister introduces the Confession

**Almighty God our Heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
Forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may
serve you in newness of life to the glory of your
name. Amen**

Minister: May almighty God have mercy on you
Forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting
life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal
have mercy upon us**

First Reading Psalm 19.

Read by a representative of Hanwell

Hymn- Huddersfield Choral Society

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found.
We stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here;

Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;

Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
Be still for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,

Second reading John 2 13- 22 read by a representative of Hornton

At the end of the Reading:

This is the Word of the Lord. *All* Thanks be to God.

Reflection by Glyn

Quiet Music for further reflection:

Pie Jesu sung by Sarah Brightman.

Apostles Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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**

Intercessions – our prayers today are made through prayers dear to the heart of the Ironstone Benefice

-The Benefice Prayer written by Jeff chard read by *A representative from Horley*

- A Prayer for our Time written and read By *Trina*

- A Topical Prayer written and read by *Lindy*

-The traditional version of the Prayer that Jesus taught us prayed all together.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom Come,
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that 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**

Conclusion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do,
with your most gracious favour.
And guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued and ended
in you, we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessing

The Lord Bless you and keep you.
The Lord Show mercy upon you,
And give you peace, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn – Choir of Kings College Cambridge

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know is God indeed
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why, the Lord our God is good:
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
from them and from the angel- host
be praise and glory evermore.

Thank yous and Notices

Grace: said together unmuted!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen

*Retiring music: 'Behold the Lamb of God'
From Handel's Messiah sung by Cathedral Choirs
chosen by a representative from Balscote.*