

Church at Home

Second Sunday of Lent



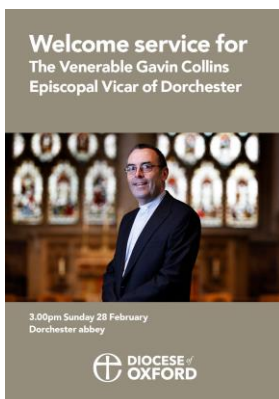
Before the Service

Welcome as we worship God together from across the Diocese of Oxford in Church at Home on this, the second Sunday of Lent.

We are delighted that our own Bishop-designate and episcopal vicar for the Dorchester area Gavin Collins will be presiding for us, for the first time since he joined the Diocese. Our preacher is the Revd David Tyler, associate archdeacon of Dorchester. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed ideas, prayers and action to this week's Church at Home.

This week, our readings focus on Christ's prediction of his own passion, which serves as a reminder of what Holy Week will hold as we continue through this time of preparation and fasting together.

Later today



Join us in saying, 'Welcome, Gavin!' at 3pm online.

We welcome Bishop-designate Gavin Collins in an online service from Dorchester Abbey this afternoon.

Details of how to join, along with an order of service to download, available at

oxford.anglican.org/livestream

Video before the Service

Your Cross, O Lord

**Your cross, O Lord, taught me to see
That though I fail you every day
Your steadfast love will not fail me
But gladly bears my sin away.**

**And there I see your holy fire
Consuming sin in mercy's blood:
What righteousness and love require
To ransom sinners to their God.**

**Your cross, O Lord, taught me to weep
For there my sin led you away
And e'en the sun did bow in grief
As darkness crowned our darkest day.**

**And oh, to think that I once stood
Indifferent to your suffering!
And oh, to see your sweat like blood:
Such depths of sorrow borne for me!**

**Your cross, O Lord, taught me to love
For there I've tasted love divine,
It fills my heart with power enough
To make your costly service mine.**

**No sin too great to meet with grace,
No enemy too foul to bless.
Your love in wounds of sacrifice;
Teach me, O Lord, to love like this.**

**Your cross, O Lord, taught me to sing
For now my captive soul is free!
No guilt, no fear, no suffering
Can tear away your love from me!**

**No song can reach such heights of joy!
No tongue can tell such depths of peace!
No power, no time, can e'er destroy
The eternal praise for Calvary!**

President In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

President The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

The president welcomes the congregation gathered online and introduces the service.

Hymn

At the name of Jesus

**At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now.
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;
To the throne of Godhead, To the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory, Of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

Caroline M Noel
Recorded by Susan Holmes
St Michael and All Angels, Lambourn

Confession

President The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned,
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

President Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

President Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

We listen to God speaking through the Scriptures.

Reading

Psalm 22.23-end (NRSV)

Read by Amelia Khan

St James' Church, Finchampstead

Reader A reading from Psalm 22.

You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Reader
All

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

Gradual Hymn

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure,
sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure,
of the Lord's unchanging love.**

**Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

Author: Robert Robinson (1758);

Alterer: Martin Madan (1760)

Tune: Nettleton

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with North Aston and Tackley*

Gospel Reading

Mark 8.31-end (NRSV)

Read by the Revd Susy Brouard,

Assistant Curate, Kidlington with Hampton Poyle

Deacon The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Deacon Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test
and will receive the crown of life.

All **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father."

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Reflection

The Revd David Tyler,
Associate Archdeacon of Dorchester

Affirmation of Faith

President Let us affirm our faith in God.

All **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.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Vanessa Woodward

Benefice of Radley, Sunningwell and Kennington

Veronica With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
let us pray to the Father.

All Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Veronica For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth,
let us pray to the Father.

All Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Veronica For those preparing for baptism and confirmation,
For those using the Come and See Diocesan resources,
and for their teachers and sponsors,
let us pray to the Father.

All Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Veronica For peace in the world
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow
among nations and peoples,
let us pray to the Father.

All Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Veronica For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer,
especially for those who are affected by COVID-19 in anyway,
for refugees, prisoners and all in danger,
that they may be relieved and protected,
let us pray to the Father.

All Lord of compassion,
in your mercy hear us.

Veronica For all those who work as key workers,
For those who care for others, and whose work
or circumstances put them at risk,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

Veronica For all those who are anxious or afraid,
For all those who make decisions and govern our country,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

Veronica For those whom we have injured or offended,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

Veronica For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,
let us pray to the Father.
Lord of compassion,
All **in your mercy hear us.**

Veronica God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence,
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

President The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

President We offer one another a sign of peace.

Christians have shared a sign of peace since the earliest days of the Church. Although separated by distance we are all members of the Body of Christ and we celebrate this by sharing Christ's peace.

Preparation of the Table

President God of wisdom,
 may the light of your eternal Word,
 our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
 we ask this in his name.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right,
 it is our duty and our joy,
 at all times and in all places
 to give you thanks and praise,
 holy Father, heavenly King,
 almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because each year you give us this joyful season,
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery,
with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection
within our hearts.

Therefore, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,

and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

President Accept through him, our great high priest,
This, our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love,
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.**

Angus Dei

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

President God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God, the Father.**

The president receives the bread and wine on behalf of the community as we take our 'spiritual communion'; taking time to notice God's presence with us and trust that as we desire communion with God, God will meet us in our hearts by faith. You do not need any special words or actions to participate in this, only to desire to meet God. If you find it helpful you may want to use the following prayer or simply to listen to the hymn and reflect on God's love for you.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself and keep me in your care. Amen.

Music during Communion

Take Me to the Alley

Gregory Porter

Performed by Liam Cartwright and Nick Gallant

Prayer after Communion

President

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Hymn

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Isaac Watts (1707)

Sung by the worship band of Greyfriars, Reading

Blessing and Dismissal

President God, who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of his glory;

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

President Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Come and See

I believe in God, Father Almighty

Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft,

Bishop of Oxford

As far as we know, we are the only part of the whole universe able to consider the cosmos and its meaning. But who gave us that desire - the need to know and understand what we are created for?

From the very first line of the creed, we place our faith in God, the creator of heaven and earth. But God is more than just our maker – from all across the universe, his great love is calling us home.

See the full video and more at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Closing Video

It is well with soul

Performed by Vanessa Woodward of Opera Anywhere

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