

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS BARNES



HOLY MASS

LENT

(Temporary Order of Service)

THE SEASON OF LENT

*Jesus was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan;
and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him'*

(Mark 1.13)

Ash Wednesday begins the period of forty days during which Christians prepare for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day. It recalls the time spent by Christ in the wilderness in fasting and prayer, and is known as the season of Lent.

Lent, as a whole, is a time of penitence and has been called 'the spring-time of our faith'. It is a period when we try to grow in closeness to God through the practice of prayer, alms-giving and fasting, thereby uniting us with the life and suffering of Jesus Christ. The fourth Sunday in Lent is known as **Laetare, or Mothering Sunday** (*laetare* being the Latin for 'rejoice'), and is observed as a temporary lifting of Lenten observance. The fifth Sunday of Lent onwards is known as **Passiontide**, as we move closer to Christ's suffering and death commemorated in the liturgies of Holy Week.

Worship throughout this season is more solemn than usual. There are no joyful *alleluias*, and the *Gloria in excelsis* is omitted from the Eucharist. The liturgical colour is sombre purple, the ancient colour of mourning, and flowers are removed from the church building. From Passion Sunday onwards, the images in church are veiled that our hearts and minds are focused entirely on the spiritual significance of the season.

In this service, and throughout this time, we are encouraged to place all our hope in Christ, whose Passion and Death has enabled the forgiveness of sin and saved us for eternal life with him.

A prayer to say before the service:

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Stand when the bell rings and the Procession enters.

PROCESSIONAL VOLUNTARY and HYMN

GREETING

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Celebrant introduces the Mass.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask for his mercy, by kneeling and confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Kneel

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned again you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done; through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault, we have wounded your love, and marred your image in us, we are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen

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

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. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

*A short period of silence is kept. The Celebrant prays the Collect, at the end of which all say **Amen.***

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LENT PROSE

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The Choir sing the Lent Prose. If the Choir is not present, this may be said responsorially by clergy and people.

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.*

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer. *Refrain*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

As the Acclamation begins, stand and turn to face the Gospel, which is read from the Lectern.

Glory and praise to you O Christ.

Glory and praise to you O Christ

A verse of Scripture is sung.

Glory and praise to you O Christ.

Glory and praise to you O Christ

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

A short silence follows the Sermon.

Stand

THE 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.

INTERCESSIONS

The Celebrant introduces the prayers and the congregation kneels.

After each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the prayer for the departed:

✠ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

At the end of the prayers:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stand

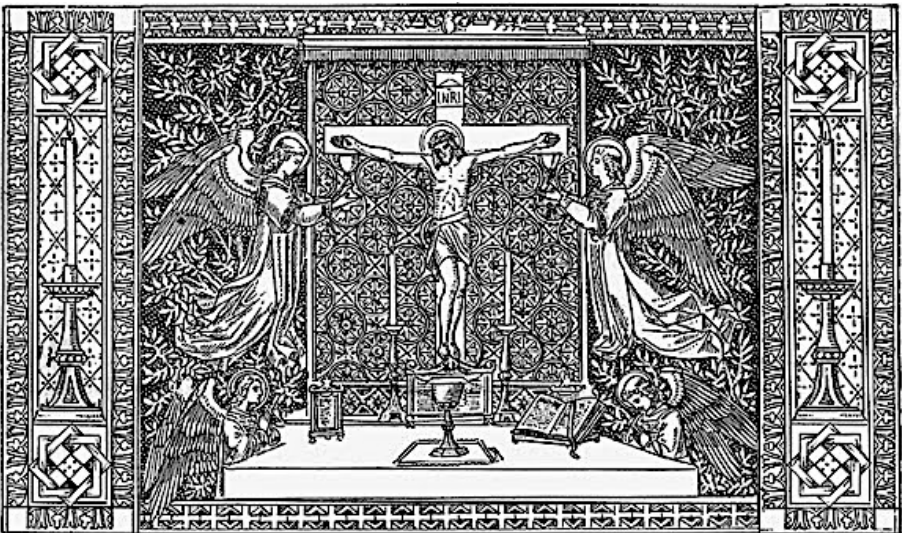
THE PEACE

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation may wish to express the Peace to those nearest them with an appropriate gesture such as a bow, or the words 'Peace be with you', whilst maintaining social distancing.



OFFERTORY HYMN

During the Offertory the gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar and the gifts, altar and people are censed. The collection is gathered at the end of the service in the bowls at the back of the church.

- ◆ *If you are making a cash donation, we ask you to **Gift Aid** your offering using the blue envelopes provided.*
- ◆ *You can **donate by text**; simply text SAINTMICHAEL to 70470 followed by the amount you wish to give (e.g. SAINTMICHAEL£10) up the value of £20 – although you can donate more by texting again.*
- ◆ *A **bank transfer** can be made to our account no. 10774065, sort code 20-72-33*
- ◆ ***Contactless payments** using a card or mobile can be made using the machine at the back of church.*
- ◆ *Regular worshippers are asked to join **Planned Giving**. A form is available on the 'Giving' page of the church website.*

Please give generously to the ministry of the church. Thank you for your gift.

Remain standing.

Pray my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice, may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and for the good of all his Church.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Celebrant prays the Proper Preface of the season, concluding with:

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

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!

We kneel as we come to the holiest part of the Mass in which the bread and wine are blessed and consecrated as the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

The Eucharistic Prayer continues to the Doxology:

... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we are bold to say:

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, 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.

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

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume, to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy, so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood; that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most Precious Blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Celebrant invites the people to Communion saying:

✠ Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.



All Baptised Christians who normally receive Communion in their own church are welcome to do so here.

◆ *The Sacrament is distributed from in front of the Chancel steps in one kind (the Body of Christ). If you would like to receive a Blessing, bow your head.*

◆ *Please follow the direction of the Stewards and maintain an appropriate distance from other worshippers.*

◆ *Worshippers in the side aisles will be invited to receive Communion first, followed by those in the Nave.*

◆ *Please note that every precaution is taken to ensure hygiene. However, we recognise that not everyone will feel comfortable receiving Communion at this time.*

During Communion the Choir sing an ANTHEM or a COMMUNION HYMN.

A short period of silence is kept after Communion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

*The Celebrant prays the Post-Communion prayer at the end of which all say **Amen**.*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sit for the NOTICES.

Stand for the BLESSING and DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and blessing of God Almighty ✠ the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

As you depart the church please –

- ◆ *Return your **order of service** to the basket on the table at the back of church.*
- ◆ *Remember the **collection** using the Gift Aid envelope provided.*
- ◆ *Fill out your **Welcome Card** and place it in the collection bowls.*

