

## Kidderminster East Evening Prayer for Fifth Sunday in Lent

Responses in **bold** will be read by Phyll Chesworth

### Preparation

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God you will not despise.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

**All Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins 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.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,  
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,  
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

Blessed are you, sovereign God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You led your people to freedom  
by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.  
May we who walk in the light of your presence  
acclaim your Christ, rising victorious,  
as he banishes all darkness from our hearts and minds.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

**Hymn** Lift high the cross

The day is almost over, and the evening has come;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your Spirit come down upon us  
to set us free to sing your praise  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

**Psalm 34:1-10**

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 **My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4 **I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 **This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.
- 8 **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him.**
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 **Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**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.**

**A Song of Christ the Servant**

- 1 **Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.**
- 2 **He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**
- 3 **When he suffered, he did not threaten, but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.**
- 4 **Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**
- 5 **By his wounds, you have been healed, for you were straying like sheep,  
but have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Peter 2.21b–25)**

**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.**

**Scripture Readings** Christine Hickman-Smith

Epistle: Romans 5:12-21

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.

**All The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

**All The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

### *The Magnificat*

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed;**  
**the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**
- 3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.
- 4 **He has shown strength with his arm**  
**and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,
- 8 **The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.** (Luke 1.46–55)

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and to the Holy Spirit;  
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Gospel** Luke 22 v 1-13

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God**

**Sermon** Robert Legge

### *The 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.

### *Notices*

#### **Intercessions Hilary Hildred**

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

### *The Collect*

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world:  
Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour has 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.**

**Hymn** My song is love unknown

### **The Conclusion**

**All 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Please unmute so that we can chat

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