

**Morning Prayer**  
**2nd March - Next before Lent**  
**(We will be following this in our own homes at 10.30am)**

*Please read these words out loud, or in your heart.*

**Preparation**

We are thankful, O God,  
for the door of your grace  
which makes us sharers in your kingdom.  
God of all, we thank you for the opportunity  
which you offer us every single day  
to open ourselves to your Spirit,  
to delight in you  
and to serve you in newness of life.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept, to ask forgiveness of our sins  
and to seek God's strength for our life of service.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

**The Word of God**

**Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35**

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

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

New Testament reading: Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendour, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup> They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup> As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.)

<sup>34</sup> While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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.

### Prayers

*Please offer your own prayers following these suggestions, if you wish, with the response below:*

- ¶ *for the day and its tasks*
- ¶ *for the world and its needs*
- ¶ *for the Church and her life*
- ¶ *for Chaplains in the armed forces, and those to whom they minister*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*Silence may be kept.*

O Saviour, meek and lowly of heart,  
let not our pride refuse thy bidding,  
to become as little children,  
in joy and simplicity,  
in trustfulness one towards another,  
in lowliness of heart;  
and by this thine own glory, bring us unto ours;  
for thy majesty and thy mercy's sake.  
Amen.

*Eric Milner-White*

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
"Our Father, who art in heaven ..."  
*The Lord's Prayer is said*

### **The Conclusion**

O God, grant that always,  
at all times and in all places,  
in things both great and small,  
we may do your good and perfect will,  
and continue your faithful servants  
to the end of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Let us go in the peace of Christ.  
Thanks be to God.

*Our services today take place at:  
Mickley (BCP Holy Communion) at 9.00 am;  
Grewelthorpe and Kirkby Malzeard (Holy Communion) and  
Winksley (Morning Worship) at 10.30 am;  
Sawley (Family Service) at 4.00 pm.*

***Everyone from across the benefice (and beyond) is welcome at all services.***