

# OXTED TEAM MINISTRY

## Service Sheet: Third Sunday in Lent – 7th March 2021

*Welcome to the Oxted Team Together, online! You will need to think how you will follow the words and watch the film, either having both on the screen at the same time or printing this out. Please join in with the words in bold and with the hymns. You may wish to have a candle nearby. The film for this service can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/>*

### **MUSIC**

Introit: Lead me, Lord ~ S.S. Wesley

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**All** and also with you

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O gracious and holy Father  
Give us wisdom to perceive you  
Diligence to seek you  
Patience to wait upon you  
Eyes to behold you  
a heart to meditate upon you  
and a life to proclaim you  
through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **CONFESSION**

God calls us to love and serve him, but so often our minds are on other matters: pleasures distract us; business interferes; or we blatantly choose to pursue our own interests.

*We call to mind the things for which we want to say sorry to God.*

Let us seek God's forgiveness and healing, confident that he understands our weaknesses and will restore and strengthen us.

We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us, save us and help us.

*We hear God's words of absolution and forgiveness*

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *us our* sins

and make *us* holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All Amen.*

*COLLECT – the special prayer set for today*

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,

and entered not into glory before he was crucified:

mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,

may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

## **HYMN**

Christ is our cornerstone,  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled;  
on his great love  
our hopes we place  
of present grace  
and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three in One to sing;

and thus proclaim  
in joyful song,  
both loud and long,  
that glorious name.

Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
until that day  
when all the blest  
to endless rest  
are called away.

## **READING**

*John 2. 13 – 22*

## **REFLECTION**

## **CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God

**All** We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

## ***INTERCESSIONS***

*This or another response is used*

Lord in your mercy

**All** Hear our prayer

*at the end*

Merciful Father

**All** Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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.

## ***THE PEACE***

We are the body of Christ, and Christ calls us to live in peace with one another  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

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**All** and also with you.

*Let us share God's peace with those near to us and those far off in distant places of the world.*

## **HYMN**

Sing of the Lord's goodness,  
Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us,  
his love is for ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come, then, all you nations,  
sing of the Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory,  
praise him with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

Courage in our darkness,  
comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high;

Solace for the weary,  
pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.

*Come, then, all you nations....*

Praise him with your singing,  
praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp:  
Praise him with the cymbals,  
praise him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.

*Come, then, all you nations....*

*Earnest Sands*

## **BLESSING and DISMISSAL**

May God the Father give you grace to do his will  
May God the Son lead you into the ways of truth and love  
May God the Holy Spirit guide you in all that you do and say.  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and all those you love in this world and the next, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **RECESSIONAL MUSIC**

Allegro from Sonata No 3 in G ~ Thomas Arne.

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