

CTOD Night Prayer

Lent Groups

1700 BST Palm Sunday 2021



Join Zoom Meeting:

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Welcome to all who have joined our Lent Course 'Care for God's Creation' This service gives us an opportunity to share what we have been learning, connect with one another and pray.

Preparation *

From the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

All God's Holy name be praised.

In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young.

All God's Holy name be praised.

In the banquet hall of heaven, and the forgotten corners of our hearts.

All God's Holy name be praised.

Our help is in the name of the Lord

All who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day and our Lent Course may follow.

*The following or words of penitence are used **

**All Most merciful God,
we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.*

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

**All 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.**

The Word of God - We read together (all on mute) Psalm 148 **

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded, and they were created.
⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

*At the end of the psalmody, the following is said ***

**All 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.**

Thoughts and prayers are shared by all Lent Groups.***

Monday am; Monday TICTOC; Monday evening

Tuesday Evening

Wednesday morning; Wednesday evening

A Story of Love by Roddy Hamilton, read by David Young URC

gather round
I have a story to tell
of one who reached inside himself
and took a handful of love
like a pile of stardust
and said: this is for you
it is all you need
it is all you will ever need
there is enough here
to change the whole world
take it.

many laughed at him
mocked him
and ignored the invitation
but some dared to take it
and those who did
noticed something about this love
they found they could do what the gift-giver could do
they could stand with the lost
welcome the traveller
eat with the hungry
they found themselves doing what the man first did to them
give something of themselves to others
they became like the man
offering themselves
and as they offered themselves
others took the invitation
and many still do
and many still trust
it is enough to change the whole world.

Just as the roots of the flowering spring plants we see all around us seek out water, we need to root ourselves in God, our source of living water. 'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.' Jeremiah 17:7-8

Pause and Reflect

Responsory ***

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

All I commend my spirit.

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

All Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

All 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.

*The Collect (****)*

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

All Amen.

The Conclusion (**)**

In peace we will lie down and sleep

All for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

All for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

All so do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

All Amen.

Some further resources to help you to keep considering your actions as we continue to adapt our lifestyles in 'Climate Weirding' and to mitigate against Climate Change.

- <https://www.52climateactions.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXL2Sq6Sahl> The Climate Change Garden a Fairtrade conference from the Fairtrade Festival
- Investigate before buying! E.g., don't buy PEAT BASED compost. Buy FAIRTRADE. <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/buying-fairtrade/>
- Find out how to Plant a Tree! Martin Luther- 'If I believed the world were to end tomorrow, I would still plant a tree today'.
- Think before eating: <https://tomsfeast.com/news/eating-for-pleasure-people-planet-out-now/>
- Read Ruth Valerio's book 'Saying Yes to Life' this was the basis of our booklet.
- Watch Ruth Valerio's interviews that influenced her book: www.spckpublishing.co.uk/saying-yes-resources