

THE PARISH OF ST MARGARET'S, INGOL

WORSHIP AT HOME

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



If a household are praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the words in bold type. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin, and have a Bible, cross or crucifix to look at. You might prepare for this act of worship by listening to some music, or by being still

Preparation

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord is here

His Spirit is with us.

Prayers of Penitence

Today we give thanks to God for all that is good in our life and take time to remember those things that we have done that are not so good.

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.

God,

My whole weight is on Your strong arms:

help me to be fragile, but strong.

I am not called to be invincible,

but to walk,

broken, choosing my vulnerability.

Nor is it necessary for me to self-destruct.

**Bring me to honest appraisal of all that is past.
Give me Your eyes,
Your heart,
that together we may be healing the wounds of life.
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 the 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 forever.
Amen**

Words of forgiveness

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.
Amen.

The Word of the Lord

First reading - Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading – John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is

for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of faith.

With our Christian brothers and sisters, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though He was divine,

He did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,

He was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised Him on high, and given Him the name above every name:

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Prayers of intercession

(Here you may wish to offer prayer in your own words, or be prompted by the words here)

We pray for our world, especially at this time of anxiety and fear...

We pray for our nation and its well-being...

We pray for the Church worldwide, and for the church nearer home, especially the church and church community of Ingol, for all those who minister and worship with us.

We pray for neighbours, family and friends and we remember all those self-isolating at the moment...

We pray for all who are sick, worried or anxious, and for those who feel cut off from loved ones...

We pray for all those in the nursing and caring professions, and for our emergency services...

We pray for ourselves.....

The Lord's prayer

Joining with Christians throughout the world, we pray:

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 Grace

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all, evermore.**



Readings for this week

Monday – Psalm 23 - John 8:1-11

Tuesday – Psalm 102:1-3,16-23 – John 8:21-30

Wednesday – Canticle Bless the Lord – John 8:31-42

Canticle – Bless the Lord

This canticle should be recited without pause.

- 1 Bless the Lord all created things:
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens:
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord,
bless the Lord all you his hosts:
bless the Lord you waters above the heavens,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord sun and moon,
bless the Lord you stars of heaven:
bless the Lord all rain and dew,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 5 Bless the Lord all winds that blow,
bless the Lord you fire and heat:
bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord dews and falling snows,
bless the Lord you nights and days:
bless the Lord light and darkness,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord frost and cold,
bless the Lord you ice and snow:
bless the Lord lightning and clouds,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 8 O let the earth bless the Lord;
bless the Lord you mountains and hills:
bless the Lord all that grows in the ground,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.
- 9 Bless the Lord you springs,
bless the Lord you seas and rivers:

bless the Lord you whales
and all that swim in the waters,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

10 Bless the Lord all birds of the air,
bless the Lord you beasts and cattle:
bless the Lord all people of the earth,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

11 O People of God bless the Lord;
bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
bless the Lord you servants of the Lord,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

12 **Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit,
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart:
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
who is worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Thursday - Psalm 105:4-9 – John 8: 51 to end.

Friday - Psalm 18:1-6 – John 10:31- to end

Saturday - Psalm 121 – John 11:45-to end

