

7th February 2021
The Second Sunday
Before Lent



"Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground" *Genesis 2:7*

Opening Responses

Shine on us, Lord,
like the sun that lights up day;
**All 'chase away the dark
and all shadow of sin'.**
May we wake eager to hear your Word;
**All 'as day follows night
may we be bathed in your glory'.**

Opening Prayer

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

Silence is kept

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**

Hymn

Morning has broken,
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken. Like the first bird;
Praise for the singing,
Praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing
Fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall,
Sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall, On the first grass;
Praise for the sweetness,
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play;
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day.

Confession

You delight in creation, its colour and
diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our
own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour
God's holy name. Christ, have
mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards
others
and lacking in generosity in word and
deed.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Reading

Genesis 2:4-18 *At end of reading:*
This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God the Creator,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
Source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist**

**We believe in God the Redeemer
through whom all things
came into being.
Who, as the Word made flesh,
died for us and rose again.
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He will come again in glory
bringing a new heaven
and a new Earth.**

**We believe in God the Sustainer,
who gives life to the people of God
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
and makes God known in the world**

**This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
Amen.**

Intercessions

The response to:

'Lord, in your mercy' is
(All): 'hear our prayer'

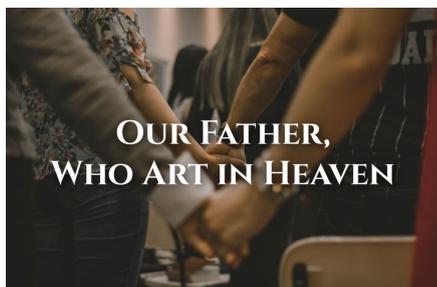
At the end

Merciful father, **(All): accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Collect

Almighty God, you have created the
heavens and the earth and made us in
your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your
works and your likeness in all your
children; through Jesus Christ your Son
our Lord, who with you and the Holy
Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Hymn

1 Who can measure heaven and earth?
God was present at their birth;
who can number seeds or sands?
every grain is in his hands:
through creation's countless days
every dawn sings out his praise.

2 Who can tell what wisdom brings,
first of all created things?
One alone is truly wise,
hidden from our earthbound eyes:
knowledge lies in him alone
God, the Lord upon his throne!

3 Wisdom in his plans he laid,
planted her in all he made;
granted her to humankind,
sowed her truth in every mind:
but with richest wisdom blessed
those who love him first and best.

4 Wisdom gives the surest wealth,
brings her children life and health;
teaches us to fear the Lord,
marks a universe restored:
heaven and earth she will outlast
happy those who hold her fast!

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Notices

Blessing and Dismissal

May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of
the field and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in its
fullness. **Amen.**

May God the Son, the Word made flesh
who fed the five thousand and turned water
into wine, feed us with your word and
transform us in his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over
the waters of creation and formed the world
from chaos, form us in the likeness of Christ
and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Tend the earth, care for God's good
creation, and bring forth the fruits of
righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.