



# Parish of Mundeford

## Morning Worship 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Lent 1

### *Encountering God*

#### **Welcome**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of our days and years, we set this time apart for you. Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our lives may glorify you. **Amen.**

#### **Call to worship**

We go with Jesus into the wilderness

**We feel the need to get away to reflect and pray**

We stay with Jesus in the wilderness

**We sense temptation calling us to the easy self-serving way.**

We endure with Jesus in the wilderness

**We are aware of his presence showing us a faithful compassionate path.**

We will return with Jesus from the wilderness

**Renewed in body, mind and spirit, ready to do God's work.**

**Hymn:** Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us

#### **Confession**

Lent is a good time to look carefully at our patterns of life and faith in your presence, o God.

Where we have followed the path of deception, change our direction.

**You will change our direction.**

Where we have not taken the feelings of others into account, give us sensitivity.

**You will give us sensitivity**

Where we have hung back from working for the common good, bring us back into fellowship.

**You will engage us in our faith community.**

Where we have ignored the practice of prayer and forsaken the Word, faithfully renew us.

**You will renew us.**

Where we have missed opportunities to stand with the powerless, give us courage.  
**You will give us courage.**

*Silence*

God calls us to serve, forgives us in Christ,  
And renews us by the Spirit.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

***The Collect***

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love. **Amen.**

***Reading*** 1 Peter 3:18-22

*At the end of the reading*

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

***Hymn: Will you come and follow me***

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**The Creed:** Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe and trust  
in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for  
us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.**

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust  
in one God, Father, Son**

**and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### ***Our Prayers of Intercession***

As our Saviour has taught us so we pray,

**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.**

### **CLOSING PRAYERS**

God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you have reconciled your people to yourself. As we follow his example of prayer and fasting may we obey you with willing hearts and service one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**You challenge us to reflect and serve, O God.**

**Give us honesty in our looking back;**

**give us generosity in our relationships;**

**Give us hope in the midst of turmoil;**

**Give us energy to take on faithful endeavours;**

**Give us patience when all does not go according to plan;**

**Give us endurance as we walk the testing Lenten path.**

**We go with God; God goes with us. Peacefully, securely, God goes with us.**

### **OUR BLESSING**

The Holy and the strong One the only true God, scatter the darkness from before us and the blessing of God almighty be among us always. **Amen**

**Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ. Amen**