

Hymn 281- Rejoice the Lord is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;

3. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:

Going out as God's people

Blessing

Let the grace of Christ redeem you
The power of Christ renew you,
The example of Christ inspire you
and the love of Christ shine from you.
Go in faith,
to walk his way and make him known to his glory. Amen

Dismissal

Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ Amen

Prayers in a time of war in Ukraine

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world:
We commend to your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine
that, being guided by your providence, they may dwell secure in your peace.
Grant to their leaders and all in authority,
wisdom and strength to know and to do your will.
Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness,
and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit
may so move every human heart in the nations of the world,
that working and witnessing together,
we may live in justice and peace
and change the hearts of those who would make for conflict and war;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Sunday before Lent – 27th February 2022
A SERVICE OF THE WORD

Greeting

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Sentence of Scripture

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long”. *Psalm 25: 5*

Hymn 537 - O God our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

4 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home!

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Creator of all, to you be glory and praise for ever. You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands. In the fullness of time, you made us in your own image, and in these last days you have spoken to us in your Son Jesus Christ, the word made flesh. As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, your Spirit renew our lives and your praises be on our lips.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be God for ever.

Penitence

When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,
he will deliver us from our distress.

God will bring us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8-9*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**O God, our loving Father in heaven,
we confess that we have sinned against you;
we have broken your commandments;
we have often been selfish,
and we have not loved you as we should.
For these, and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The absolution

May the Father of all mercies,
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image,
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of The Sunday before Lent

O God our teacher and our judge:
Enrich our hearts with the goodness of your wisdom
and renew us from within:
that all our actions, all our thoughts and all our words,
may bear the fruit of your transforming grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ministry of the Word

Exodus 34: 29-35

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

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ◆
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.*
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion ◆
and high above all peoples.*
- 3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ◆
the Lord our God is holy.*
- 4 Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity; ◆
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*
- 5 Exalt the Lord our God; ◆
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.*
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests*

- and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ◆
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.*
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ◆
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.*
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God; ◆
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.*
- 9 Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill, ◆
for the Lord our God is holy.*

Luke 9: 28-36.

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Thanks be to God.

Address

Affirmation of Faith.

Let us confess the faith of the Church.
**We believe in God the Father,
who made the world.
We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son,
who redeemed humankind.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God.**

Hymn 122 – There is a Redeemer

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| 1. There is a redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Holy One | <i>Thank you, O my father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
'Til the work on Earth is done</i> |
| 2. Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah
Oh, for sinners slain. | 3. When I stand in Glory
I will see His face
And there I'll serve my King forever
In that Holy Place. |

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so 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.