

UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MICHAEL BETCHWORTH AND ST MARY BUCKLAND
SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – FAMILY SERVICE



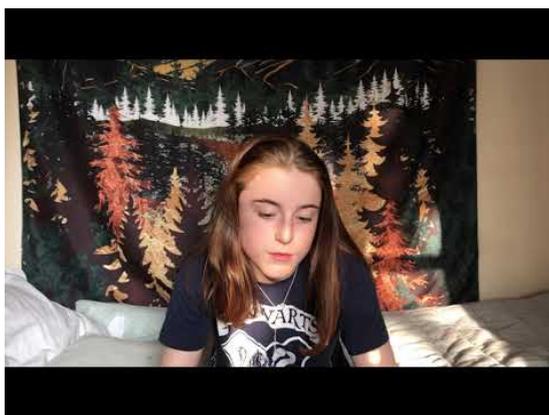
Organ Voluntary : ‘Ach Gott wie manches Herzeleid’ (*Ah God, how much heartache I encounter in this time!*) – G Merkel (1827-1885)

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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 for ever.



1st Reading:

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above,
or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down

to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Hymn: *I danced in the morning when the world was begun*

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John--
they came with me and the dance went on:

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a cross to die:

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black--
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance, and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me--
I am the Lord of the dance, said he.

Words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

Music: Shaker melody *adapted by* Sydney Carter (1915-2004)



Gospel *John 2.13-22 - Jesus cast out the money-changers from the Temple*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

Sermon - The meaning of Lent



Offertory

As many people are aware with no physical services not only is the church empty but the collection plate is too. At this point in the service, we would usually have our offertory as the altar is prepared. These small donations make a huge difference for the ongoing costs and upkeep of the church. If you are able, please consider donating as if this were a live service – we are doing our utmost to keep worship resources available and would be extremely grateful for any amount you are able to give. - ***Thank you for your kind support and generosity***



St Michael's Church



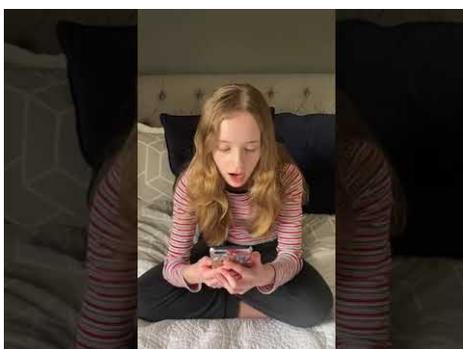
St Mary's Church

or alternatively you can pay direct to

St Michaels Church; Sort Code 601727 A/c 27611272

St Mary's Church; Sort Code 601728 A/c 03428508

Prayers. By Arabella Walters



Merciful Father accept these prayers through our Saviour Jesus Christ Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen

Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins...
Go in the light and peace of Christ

Thanks be to God

Organ Voluntary : 'No V from 6 Short Preludes & Postludes Set 1 Op 101 'Founded on an old Irish melody' -C V
Stanford (1852-1924)



We hope you are enjoying the online services which aim to bring the church community together and keep the momentum of faith alive for all generations. As a rural parish church, we rely heavily on donations to help maintain our beautiful buildings –

We are incredibly grateful for any donations -thank you once again for your kind support and generosity. God Bless

Some of the material included in this Service is Copyright © The Archbishops' Council 2000 and other Hymns and Music are reproduced and streamed under Church Copyright Licences 778647 and 873889