

**Churches Together in Potters Bar**  
**Morning Prayer on Saturday 6 March 2021**  
**at the church of King Charles the Martyr**

**Preparation**

○ Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Hear our voice, ○ Lord, according to your faithful love,  
**According to your judgement give us life**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
In the darkness of our sin,  
your light breaks forth like the dawn  
and your healing springs up for deliverance.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,  
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit  
and open our lips to sing your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

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, ○ God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

Now some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, 'Is not this the man whom they are trying to kill?  
And here he is, speaking openly, but they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Messiah?

Yet we know where this man is from; but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from.'

Then Jesus cried out as he was teaching in the temple, 'You know me, and you know where I am from. I have not come on my own. But the one who sent me is true, and you do not know him.

I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me.'

Then they tried to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him, because his hour had not yet come.

Yet many in the crowd believed in him and were saying, 'When the Messiah comes, will he do more signs than this man has done?'

Officers Are Sent to Arrest Jesus<sup>32</sup> The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering such things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent temple police to arrest him.

Jesus then said, 'I will be with you a little while longer, and then I am going to him who sent me.

You will search for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come.'

The Jews said to one another, 'Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

What does he mean by saying, "You will search for me and you will not find me" and, "Where I am, you cannot come"?"

John 7.25-36

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

### **The Responsory**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation,

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.

**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**

**O my God, in you I trust.**

*from Psalm 25*

## **Gospel Canticle - The Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*Luke 1.68-79*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

## Prayers for today

*Intercessions are offered*

¶ *for the day and its tasks*

¶ *for the world and its needs*

¶ *for the Church and her life*

*Silence may be kept.*

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
**Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

## The Conclusion

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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