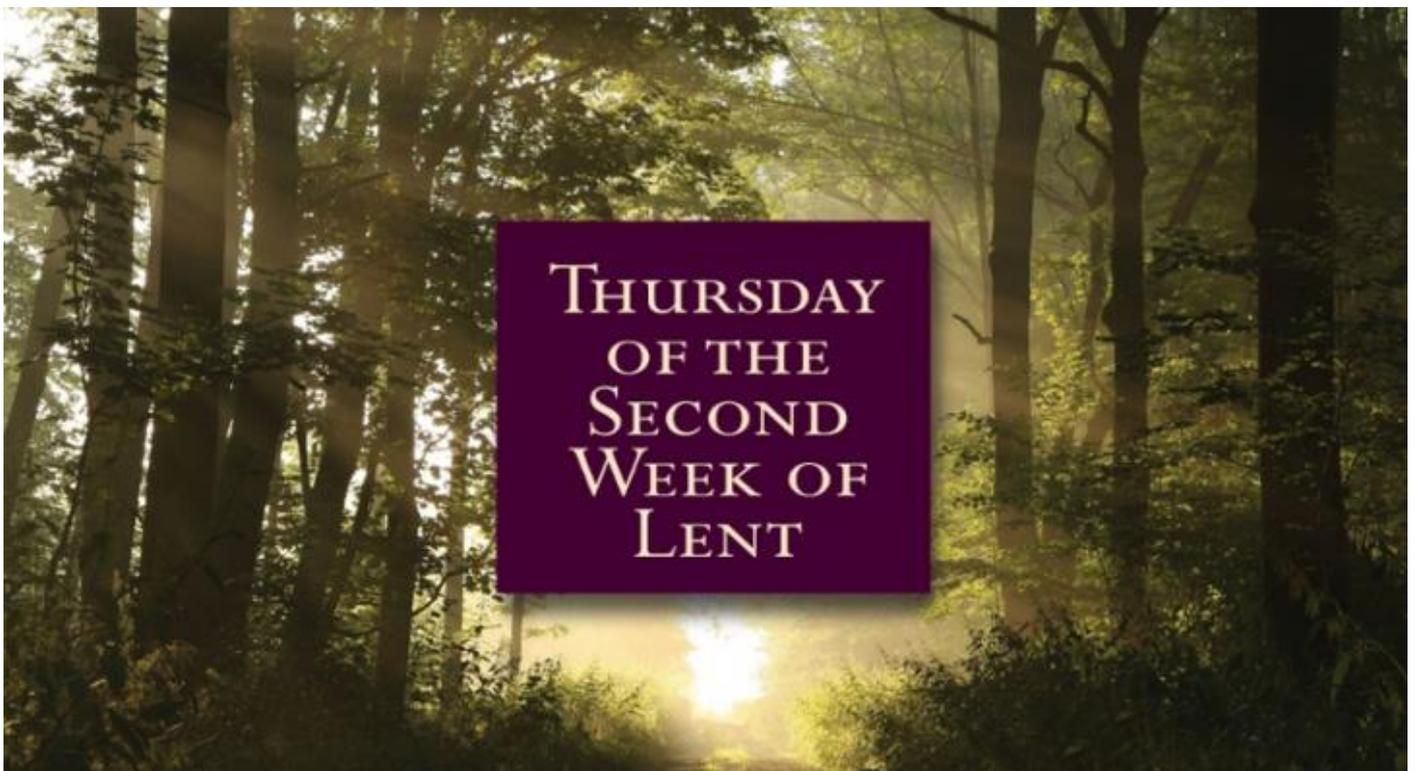


Thursday 4th March 2021.

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent



Celebrant: Right Reverend Stephen Wright
Titular Bishop of Ramsbiria
Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham.

All stand

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you

And with your spirit.

Penitential Rite

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault,
through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Opening Prayer:

O God, who delight in innocence and restore it,
direct the hearts of your servants to yourself,
that, caught up in the fire of your Spirit,
we may be found steadfast in faith
and effective in works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.

'The heart is more devious than any other thing,
perverse too: who can pierce its secrets?
I, the Lord, search to the heart,
I probe the loins,
to give each man what his conduct
and his actions deserve.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

All stand

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them.." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homily

The Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness
we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received
the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God for ever.

All stand

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Offerings

By this present sacrifice, we pray, O Lord, sanctify our observance,
that what Lenten discipline outwardly declares it may inwardly bring about.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And with your spirit.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right and just.

Preface

....as with one voice we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

...Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

All stand

**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.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Prayer for Peace

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

All sit or kneel

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Spiritual Communion Prayer for Lent

Lord Jesus Christ,
Living Word of God,
during this holy season,
we unite ourselves with your desert experience of fasting and prayer.
Consecrate our Lenten practices,
satisfy our hunger with the food of your Body
made present on this altar.
Amen

All stand

Prayer after Communion

May this sacrifice, O God,
remain active in its effects
and work ever more strongly within us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Bishop's Blessing

The Lord be with you.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Our help is in the name of the Lord

**And with your spirit.
Now and forever
Who made heaven and heart**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father ✠ and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit ✠
Amen.

Dismissal

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*At Midday today, on the St Chad's Cathedral website, we shall launch a brand new
Virtual Tour of the Cathedral. We hope you will enjoy it.
And we look forward to welcoming schools back to the Cathedral as soon as it is
possible.*

*We shall continue with our Thursday Mass for Children and Families for the weeks
ahead.*

*Advance Notice
During Holy week, our Mass for Children and Families will take place on
Tuesday 30th March at 9.30am*