

as you did with your friends, help us to recognise you in all people, places and situations. Amen.

*(We are invited to share in our chosen symbolic action of tasting)*

## Offering Song

All the wonder that surrounds us springs from God's care. all that marvels or confounds us raw, rich or rare; touch and texture, sights and voices, nature's countless forms and choices: all for which the heart rejoices springs from God's care.

Every creature, every human lives by God's grace: every family, man and woman, culture and race; those whom fortune seems to favour, those exploited for their labour, those who need to know a neighbour live by God's grace.

How can we revere God's goodness meant for all time? How ensure that each uniqueness keeps in its prime? How can we revere with pleasure all God gives for life and leisure, how preserve that earthly treasure meant for all time?

God has willed that peace and justice walk hand in hand. These, with love, shall build foundations on which we'll stand: love for lover, friend and stranger, love defying death and danger, love as first born in a manger heaven close at hand.



## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to our gracious God, **whose mercy endures for ever.**



Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.



## Sending Out

This is the day that God has made **We will rejoice and be glad in it.** We will not offer to God **Offerings that cost us nothing.** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, **We will seek peace and pursue it.** In the name of the Trinity of Love, **One God in perfect community. Amen.**



## Closing Song *(Recorded)*

Come with me for the journey is long

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## After the service...

At the end of the service you will automatically be invited to join a group of 4-6 people (randomly allocated) in a virtual corner of the room. It's fine to join the group for a while then leave when you like - or, of course, you don't have to stay for this - just decline the invite.

## St Michael's and St John's 21st February 2021 • Lent 1

Welcome to our ONLINE service! This is a joint service of the East Neuk Episcopal churches.



- You should have received separate information about how to join the gathering on the Zoom platform. If you haven't received the link, please contact someone from the church or email Steve at: [admin@eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk](mailto:admin@eastneuk-episcopal.co.uk)
- We are invited to gather, in the Zoom room (from 10.15am)**, and we'll start at 10.30am prompt. Please arrive before 10.30 so as to have your connection sorted. **Please make sure your microphone is muted (off) when you arrive.**
- Because we cannot physically share in a eucharist using consecrated elements, our online gathering includes a shared symbolic action of breaking bread and sipping a drink - symbols of nourishment and sharing. Please have these ready.
- The service is led by **Revd Steve Butler.**

### MICROPHONES:

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO MUTE (red line) OR UNMUTE, AS INDICATED. As a rule, please have your microphone muted (off) until you are invited to put it on.



**The gathering song:** All my hope on God is founded



## Opening Song *(Recorded)*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
here among us  
Go with us, stay with us  
Grant us your peace*

You are the way and the truth and the life; in you the fullness of God is found.

You are the lover and light of the world; even the darkness is light to you.

You are the shepherd who calls us by name; none who respond will be turned away.

You are the vine which is rooted in God; grafted to you we will bear much fruit.



## Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Collect for purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Kyrie *(Recorded music)*

Kyrie eleison  
Lord have mercy *(Guatamala)*



## Collect *(for Lent 1)*

**Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness so we may know your power to save; through Jesus**

**Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Psalm 25:1-10**

25:1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**25:2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

25:3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**25:4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

25:5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

**25:6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

25:7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**25:8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

25:9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**25:10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, And shall be forever. Amen**

### **Reading**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9:9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 9:10 and

with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." 9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 9:13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 9:14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 9:15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 9:16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." 9:17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

### **Gospel**

*(When it is announced we say...)*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour**

### **Mark 1:9-15**

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." 1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the

wilderness. 1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

**Praise to Christ our Lord**

### **Reflection**

*Steve*

### **The Prayers**

#### **The Peace**

We meet in Christ's name

**Let us share his peace**

*(We offer one another a wave of peace)*

#### **Prayers of Sharing**

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Lord God, as we come to you in prayer,

we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot eat and forget those who are hungry. Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

**Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.**

We cannot drink and forget those who are thirsty. The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

**Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty**

We cannot hear your words of peace and forget our world in crisis and all those who are struggling, afraid and grieving.

**Show us quickly Lord how to reach out in love and compassion to our neighbour near and far.**

**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.**

**Do not bring us to the time of trial**

**but deliver us from evil.**

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

 Lord Jesus Christ, gathered in your name, we bind ourselves to you and to each other in the sharing of food and drink - symbols of nourishment and sharing. As we break bread,