

GARROWBYBENEFICE

Sunday before Lent
Service of the Word



Today's broadcast service was recorded before the
horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine.
Following is a letter from the Archbishop of York
and a Prayer for Ukraine.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I write to you as the world is in turmoil following recent events in Eastern Europe. I am sure that you will agree that the horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil.

Now, more than ever, we need to place our trust in Jesus Christ, as we remember that God is not the author of confusion but of peace; and so I urge you to pray for a ceasefire, a withdrawal of Russian forces and for peace to prevail. Pray for the innocent – the women, men and children who are displaced, whose lives are disrupted, and who live in fear of the atrocities of war. Pray for those with power – that they may make a resolute and public decision to never use force, to actively work for peace and seek peaceful solutions to dispute and disagreement. Pray that there may be a recognition of common and shared humanity and God's promise of flourishing life for all people.

Please make this Sunday, 27 February, a day of prayer for Ukraine; there is a prayer attached for use before the Collect of the Day and consider using 'A Litany for the Armed Forces' in place of your regular intercessions (available here).

The Bishop in Europe has asked us to join them in prayer for the chaplaincy in Kyiv and the churches that serve Ukraine.

I also urge you to join in with Pope Francis's call for a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday.

At this time of great uncertainty, we place our hope and trust in God, whose love never fails. Lord, have mercy.

+ Stephen Eber:

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A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion

to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,

that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



INTRODUCTION

Praise be to God our Father who through Jesus, has rescued us from the darkness of sin

All May the light of God's love be with us

Praise be to Jesus Christ His son whose light burns brightly in our lives

All Set us apart to live for you

Praise be to the Holy Spirit who equips us for God's mission

All May our hearts be open to receive His inspiration

Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

CONFESSION

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be like salt and light, people who give flavour and meaning to the lives of others. This is our joy and responsibility. Yet we often fail in carrying it out and so we pray

Lord Jesus you came as salt to give new flavour to our lives changing us from self-centeredness to being people for others

All Lord have mercy

Jesus Christ you came as light to overcome darkness and the fear of death

All Christ have mercy

Lord Jesus you entrusted to us the mission to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world

All Lord have mercy

God says, do not hide yourselves from me, rest in peace for you are forgiven.

All Amen

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory: who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

ALL Amen

Hymn: I enter the holy of holies

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you O Lord

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise be to you O Christ

ADDRESS

Hymn: Salt and Light

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

My friends in faith, let us boldly and joyfully proclaim our hope this morning.
What do you believe?

All: Jesus walked out from the grave, the Lord of life! He conquered sin and death, we are now right with God, we have been given new life and called to walk with Him in freedom.

All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

Glory to God

PEACE

Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

INTERCESSIONS – *(Between each prayer we sing)*

**All O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
When I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer,
Come and listen to me**

We end with The Lord's Prayer

**All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

CLOSING WORDS

We are the salt of the earth

All Lord sprinkle us across our communities and across our world to bring the flavour of your kingdom wherever we go

We are the light of the world

All Uncover the radiance that is within us to shine the truth of your love wherever we go

Let our light shine before others

All That everyone we meet may see our lives of worship and glorify you our Father in heaven.

All Amen

BLESSING

May your faith rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God

All Amen

May your lives be like salt giving a Christian flavour to all that you do

All Amen

May our parishes be a source of light to all who are searching for God

All Amen

The blessing of God Almighty, Father Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and all whom you live, today and always.

All Amen

DISMISSAL

You are God's people, go now and be witnesses of the gospel

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn: I see the Lord