

**The Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses
St John the Evangelist and Holy Trinity**

Service of the Word

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Welcome

Music is played while we prepare to worship together

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
to you be praise and glory for ever!
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.
You gave Christ as a light to the nations,
and through the anointing of his Spirit
you established us as a royal priesthood.
As you call us into his marvelous light,
may our lives bear witness to his truth
and our lips never cease to proclaim your praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Prayers of Penitence

Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength'.

The second is this: 'love your neighbour as yourself'.
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Invitation to Confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Day

The Liturgy of the Word

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you.
You will never have to sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child; I am your father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

Gerard Markland, based on Isaiah 43:1-4

Reading

At the end the reader may say:

Let us wait upon the Lord;
in whose word is our hope. Psalm 130.5

Music is played for a short time of reflection

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel Reading of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

ending with The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

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

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign peace.

Conclusion

An Act of Commitment

Christ, you call us.

Help us respond to your call.

Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.

We will follow your call to be your people:
our hands will do your work,
our feet will walk your way.

Christ, you call us.

Help us respond to your call.

Christ, you call each one of us to be your child in the world.

May our hearts search for your truth,
may our souls listen for your voice,
may our lives follow in your path.

Christ, you call each one of us.

Help us respond to your call.

Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.

We are the body of Christ.

Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music

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