Service for Lent 1

Welcome:

‘This is love: not that we loved God but that he loved us

and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.’ 1 John 4:10

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

**And also with you.**

Lord speak to us

**That we may hear your word**

Move among us

**That we may behold your glory**

Receive our prayers

**That we may learn to trust you**

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Opening hymn: All heaven declares

All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord;

Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?

For ever He will be the Lamb upon the throne;

I gladly bow the knee, and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,

Who once was slain to reconcile man to God.

For ever You will be the Lamb upon the throne;

I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

Confession:

The psalmist says: ‘Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness:

According to the abundance of your compassion, blot out my offences.’

In the same spirit of repentance and faith we confess our sins to almighty God:

**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 us all that is past**

**And grant that we may serve you in newness of life**

**To the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

Have mercy upon us,

Pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness

And keep us in eternal life;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Address 1:

Hymn: As the deer

As the deer pants for the water

So my soul longs after You

You alone are my heart’s desire

And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,*

*To You alone may my spirit yield*

*You alone are my heart’s desire*

*And I long to worship You.*

I want You more than gold or silver

Only You can satisfy

You alone, are the real joy giver

And the apple of my eye

*Chorus*

You’re my friend and You are my brother

Even though You are a king.

I love You more than any other

So much more than anything.

*Chorus*

Address 2:

Prayers:

We draw our prayers to a close with the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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**

**For thine is the kingdom the power**

**and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Praise my soul

Praise my soul the king of heaven

To his feet my tribute bring

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven

Who like thee, His praise should sing?

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour

To our fathers in distress

Praise Him still the same for ever

Slow to chide and swift to bless

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us

Well our feeble frame He knows

In His hands He gently bears us

Rescues us from all our foes

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Widely as His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him

Ye behold Him face to face

Sun and moon bow down before Him

Dwellers all in time and space

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise with us the God of grace.

Blessing:

The love of the Lord Jesus, draw you to himself

The power of the Lord Jesus, strengthen you in his service

The joy of the Lord Jesus, fill your hearts;

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Be with you all this day and for ever more. **Amen.**