

**Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield
Holy Cross, Sarratt and
St Paul's, Chipperfield**

MORNING SERVICE

LENT

Preparation

Organ voluntary

Please stand

Welcome

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

All: **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said; a hymn may be sung

Opening Prayer

All: **God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.

All: **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All: Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

All: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Against you, you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

All: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

All: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

All: May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A hymn is sung

Gospel Reading

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

All: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to *N*

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All: **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We sit or kneel to pray

The Prayers

Intercessions

We sit or kneel to pray

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

Response to each prayer

Lord of compassion,
All: in your mercy hear us.

God our Father,
in your love and goodness
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence
with prayer, fasting and generosity;
accept our Lenten discipline,
and when we fall by our weakness,
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept. The Collect is read and all respond

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All: 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.**

Offering

We offer our gifts to God, a hymn may be sung

Conclusion

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Final Prayer

God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled your people to yourself.
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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