

A short order of service for
Evening Prayer and Reflection
Lent 2 - 28th February 2021
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Introductory Sentence of Scripture:

“For surely I know the plans I have for you’
says the Lord,
“plans for your welfare and not for harm, to
give you a future with hope”

[Jeremiah 29:11]



As the candle is lit, let us in silence pray that
the flame of God's loving presence may
spring up in our hearts and transform us by
the knowledge of his glory.

**Heavenly Father, in our worship lift our
hearts in thanksgiving as we confess our
sins, hear your word and bring our prayers
to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord:
Amen**

We seek God's forgiveness:

For the times we turn away from you:

Father forgive.

For the times we act against your will:

Father forgive.

For the times we fail to speak your word:

Father forgive.

For the times we forget to share your love:

Father forgive.

For the times we give in to temptations:

Father forgive.

**Merciful Lord, grant us pardon and
forgiveness of all our sins, time for
amendment of life and bless our new
beginnings: Amen**

Psalm 23: sung by St Martin's singers

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished me
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.

A collect for guidance

O heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our
being: we humbly pray you so to guide and
govern us by your Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our
life we may not forget you,
but remember that we are ever walking in
your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

[Mission of St Clare]

First reading: Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take
My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I
am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will
find rest for your souls. For My yoke *is* easy
and My burden is light." *[NKJV]*

Hymn:

**'I heard the voice of Jesus say'
sung by St Martin's Singers**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till trav'ling days are done.

[Words: Horatius Bonar pub1846]

[Tune: Kingsfold - R V Williams]

***A reading from John 14:1-3 which will be
followed by a reflection on the hymn:***

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe
in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's
house are many mansions; if it
were not so, I would have told you. I go to
prepare a place for you. And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again
and receive you to Myself; that where I
am, there you may be also.

[NKJV]

final said hymn verse [said]:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"My Father's house above
Has many mansions; I've a place
Prepared for you in love."
I trust in Jesus—in that house,
According to His word,
Redeemed by grace, my soul shall live
Forever with the Lord.

Prayer space:

O God of peace, who has taught us that in
returning and rest we shall be saved, in
quietness and confidence shall be our
strength: by the might of your Spirit lift us,
we pray, to your presence, where we may
be still and know that you are God; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***During the following short time of prayer
there will be silent spaces. Candles will be
lit while you offer your own petitions:***

***Lord Jesus, be present in the broken places
of the world and of our lives.....***

***Lord Jesus, strengthen and reconcile where
there is discord and division.....***

***Lord Jesus, comfort the suffering and the
bereaved, gather the souls of the departed
into your eternal home***

***Lord Jesus, refresh our weariness, lighten
our darkness, be our daystar.....***



The Lord's Prayer [Traditional]

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 and we forgive those who have trespassed against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever: Amen

***The Nunc Dimmitis
Plainsong [arr. Harper]
Sung by St Martin's Singers***

Final prayer responses

**The Love of Christ surround us,
The Light of Christ lead us
The Peace of Christ fill us
The Power of Christ aid us
The Joy of Christ thrill us
The Peace of Christ be with us
And all whom we hold in prayer
This night and for evermore. Amen**

**Let us Bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**



***Music to end
Sung by St Martin's Singers
"God be in my head"***

[Nicholson]

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