

The First Sunday in Lent - 22nd February, 2026
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Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Welcome & Intimations

- The **Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- Please place your **offering** in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet **after Worship this morning** in the Sanctuary to receive and approve the Annual Accounts for 2025.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church today in the **Cameron Hall**.
- Tickets for the **Quiz and Fish Supper night on Friday 6th March, 2026** are available today priced **£12**.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 25th February, 2026** followed by our **midweek Service at 11.10am**.
- There will be a **Service at Kenmure Church on Thursday 26th February, 2026 at 7pm** to which all are invited, marking the linkage of Kenmure and Cadder Churches.
- **The World Day of Prayer** this year is entitled 'I Will Give You Rest: Come' has been written by the women of Nigeria.
The Service which will take place on **Friday 6th March at 11am in Cadder South Halls**.
- **Copy** for the **next edition** of the Church magazine should be sent to the Editor (magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by **Sunday 08/03/26 at the latest**.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 378 Praise to the Holiest, in the height,

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
- 4 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
- 5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
- 6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 245 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;

1 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;
it's a world of laughter, a world of pain;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

*This is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all,
this is God's world after all,
Yes, it's God's good world.*

2 It's a world of plenty, a world of need;
it's a world of love, and a world of greed;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

Chorus

3 It's a world of water, a world of drought;
it's a world of faith, and a world of doubt;
it's a world we must share, where we must learn to care,
for the world belongs to God.

Chorus

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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said

to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,^[a] knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Hymn 177 O God of blessings, all praise to you!

- 1 O God of blessings, all praise to you !
 Your loves surrounds us our whole life through.
 You are the freedom of those oppressed ;
 you are the comfort of all distressed.
 Come now, O holy and welcome guest :
 * *Soli Deo gloria ! Soli Deo gloria !*
- 2 All praise for wisdom, great gift sublime,
 through words and teachers of every time ;
 for stories ancient and knowledge new,
 for coaches, mentors, and counsellors true
 whose life of service brought us to you :
- 3 All praise for prophets, through grace inspired
 to preach and witness with hearts on fire.
 Your Spirit chooses the weak and small
 to sing the new reign where mighty fall ;
 with them may we live your Gospel call :
- 4 All praise for music, deep gift profound,
 through hands and voices in holy sound ;
 the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,
 in wordless splendour and lyric phrase,
 with all creation one song we raise :
- 5 All praise for Jesus, best gift divine
 through word and witness, in bread and wine ;
 incarnate love song of boundless grace,
 priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,
 your steadfast kindness with human face :
- 6 A billion voices in one great song,
 now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,
 in every culture and style and key,
 from hill and valley, with sky and sea,
 with Christ we praise you eternally :
- * *To God alone be glory !*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

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Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
 but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
 and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
 so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

St. Matthew 4:1-11

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

Hymn 348 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
curing every dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand ;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory.
Praise the One who makes us one.

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Benediction

Choral Amen