

*The Second Sunday in Lent - 1<sup>st</sup> March 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.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church today in the **Cameron Hall**.
- Tickets for the **Quiz and Fish Supper night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026** are available today priced **£12**.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 at 7.30pm via ZOOM**.
- There will **NOT** be a **Vestry Hour or a midweek on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**.
- **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk)) by **Sunday 08/03/26 at the latest**.

Introit

Call to Worship

**Hymn 458[2] – At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,**

1 At the name of Jesus  
every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him  
King of Glory now.

'Tis the Father's pleasure  
we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning  
was the mighty Word:

2 Brothers, sisters, name him,  
with love as strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder,  
and with bated breath!  
He is God the Saviour,  
he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped,  
trusted and adored.

3 In your hearts enthrone him;  
there let him subdue  
all that is not holy,  
all that is not true:  
let his grace support you  
in temptation's hour;  
and his will enfold you  
in its light and power.

4 In his Father's glory  
Christ shall come again,  
angel hosts proclaiming  
his return to reign.  
For all wreaths of empire  
meet upon his brow,

and our hearts confess him  
King of Glory now.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

**Hymn 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky,**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*  
Daniel L. Schutte(b.1947)

**Genesis 12 1-4**

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**Psalms 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
 he who keeps you will not slumber.  
<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
 will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
 nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
 he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep  
 your going out and your coming in  
 from this time on and for evermore.

**Hymn 402 [2] 'Take up your cross,' the Saviour said,**

1 Take up your cross', the Saviour said,  
 'if you would my disciple be;  
 take up your cross with willing heart  
 and humbly follow after me.'

2 Take up your cross-let not its weight  
 fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
 his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
 and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame  
 and let your foolish pride be still:  
 your Lord refused not even to die  
 upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength  
 and calmly every danger brave;  
 it guides you to a better home,  
 and leads to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
 nor think till death to lay it down;  
 for only they who bear the cross  
 may hope to win the glorious crown.

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**St. John 3 1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.'<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You<sup>[d]</sup> must be born from above."<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>8</sup> The wind<sup>[f]</sup> blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?' <sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you<sup>[g]</sup> do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.'<sup>[h]</sup> <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.'<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

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 559 There is a Redeemer**

1. There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One

*Thank you, o my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit  
Till your work on Earth is done*

2. Jesus my redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Once for sinners slain

*Thank you, o my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit  
Till your work on Earth is done*

3. When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place

*Thank you, o my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving us Your Spirit  
Till your work on Earth is done*

Melody Green(b.1946)

**Benediction**

**Choral Amen**