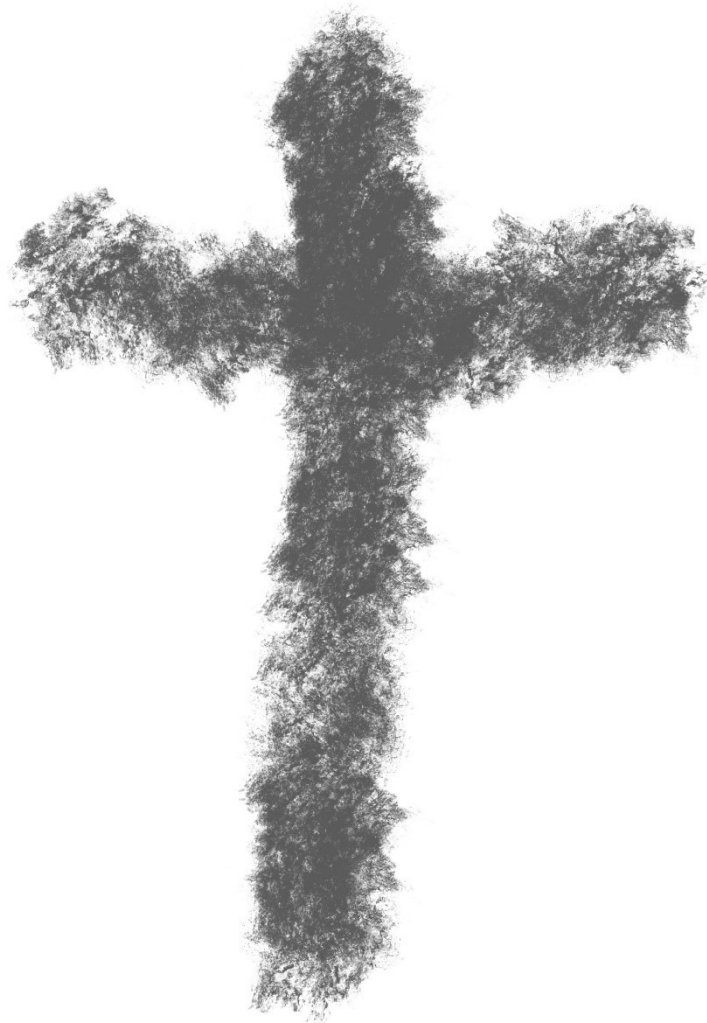


A Service of the Word for the First Sunday of Lent



**The Parish of Newport and
Carisbrooke with Gatcombe**

Preparation

Greeting

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.

Let us recognise his presence with us

(silence)

As God's people we have gathered:

Let us worship Him together

Faithful one, whose word is life:

Come with saving power

To free our praise,

Inspire our prayer

And shape our lives

For the kingdom of your son,

Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen

Invitation to confession

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

Heavenly Father,
Your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
And grew closer to you in the desert:
Help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
That we may witness to your saving love
In Jesus Christ our Lord

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament reading

At the end of this reading,

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Gospel reading

At the beginning of this reading

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

At the end of this reading;
This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ

All

Sermon

Prayers

The Creed

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
Who created all things:

All **For by his will they were created
And have their being**

We believe in God the Son,
Who was slain;

All **For with his blood,
He purchased us for God,
From every tribe and language,
From every people and nation**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **The spirit and the Bride say 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen**

Prayers of intercession

To the bidding:
Lord in your mercy

All **Hear our prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us

All **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.**

Conclusion

Blessing

May Christ give us grace to grow in holiness,
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**