

Lent Liturgy 2021

**Week 1**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mind set as Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5



Reading: John 13: 12-15

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. <sup>13</sup> "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

Sing or read StF 317 v1:

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry 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.*

Lord God, this Lent, help us to grow closer to Jesus in heart and mind, that by sharing his love and sacrifice, we may also share in his life. Amen.

**Week 2**

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.

Philippians 2:6



Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

<sup>15</sup> The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. <sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Sing or read StF 317 v2:

*At his voice creation sprang at once to sight,  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heav'nly orders in their great array.*

Lord God, we thank you for the wonder of creation and we know that you see all that you have made as good. Help us to care for your world that all may enjoy its bounty. Amen.

### Week 3

Rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:7



Reading: Luke 9: 57-58

<sup>57</sup> As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup> Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

Sing or read StF 317 v3:

*Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious, when from death he  
passed.*

Lord God, help us to see what is of true value and to know that we are each valued so much by you that you sent Jesus to live among us. May we see others with your eyes and value them as you do. Amen

### Week 4

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:8



Reading: Matthew 26: 36-39

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup> He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup> Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Sing or read StF 317 v4:

*Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures to the central  
height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father’s breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.*

Lord God, we thank you that in Jesus you reach out to the very least and lowest in society and raise them up to be your sons and daughters. Help us to challenge injustice and to speak up for those who are voiceless today. Amen

### Week 5

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

Philippians 5: 9



## Week 6

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 5: 10-11

Reading: Isaiah 53: 1-5

Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been  
revealed?

<sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should  
desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.  
Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low  
esteem.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on  
him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.

Sing or read StF 317 v5:

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true;  
crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour:  
let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.*

Lord God, help us to be passionate in your  
service, offering you our hearts, our skills, our  
time and our energy to use as and when you  
choose. Amen.



Reading: Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!  
Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you,  
righteous and victorious,  
lowly and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Sing or read StF 317 v6:

*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

Lord God, Jesus rode into Jerusalem as king and  
was crucified wearing a crown of thorns. Help us  
to enthrone him in our hearts that he may reign  
over all our lives. Amen.

## Easter Day

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**



Reading: Psalm 118: 21-24

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Sing or read StF 317 v1, 3, 5 and 6:

*At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow,  
ev'ry 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.*

*Humbled for a season to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came,  
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*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory, with his angel train;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

Lord God, as we celebrate with joy this Easter Day, help us to live as people of the resurrection, filled with hope, joy and peace at the knowledge that Christ our Lord lives and reigns. Amen.