

Greeting

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

TIME TO BREAK OUT IN CONFESSION

Heavenly Father,
you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
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Lord Jesus,
you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.
Christ, have mercy.
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Holy Spirit,
you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive *us our sins*,
open *our eyes* to God's truth,
strengthen *us* to do God's will
and give *us* the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All Amen.

TIME TO BREAK OUT WITH THE BURN TEAM

Isaiah 52:13-15; 53

The Suffering and Glory of the Servant

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he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
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him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of
any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—
¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will
understand.

53 Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been
revealed?

² 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.

³ 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.

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

⁵ 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.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was
punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause
him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an offering for
sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will
justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the

great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Your thoughts and feelings:

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Intercessions for 28 Nov

Pam Toan

As we begin Advent and we wonder at the prophecies given about Jesus hundreds of years before his birth, we give thanks for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and we pray for the rise of prophetic voices in our nation at this time of turmoil. We pray that we might see the justice and compassion of God displayed in government action and policies, in the words of leaders and advisors and in the civic life of our city of Chester. Amen

In during this week we have seen the loss of life in the English Channel as refugees continue to take terrible risks. Tearfund writes: More than 82 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Families torn apart. Lives turned upside down. Grieving. Traumatized. Afraid. We stand with them. We grieve with them.

God of Justice and Compassion, we grieve for the 27 lives lost this week and we grieve for the thousands of lives that have been lost this year as people have been forced from their homes.

We pray for those who have been left behind – friends and family members. Comfort them in their sorrow.

We pray for an overflow of compassion and loving kindness across the world. We pray for a world where people facing this kind of suffering may receive support and compassion. Amen

We pray for those who are sick, sad, lonely or bereaved, especially those from our church family.

From the café Alison, Denise, Mandy and the family of W who has passed away.

From our congregation Paul, Tina and George Fielder with covid. Charlie Dunn recovering from meningitis, Barry Jackson, Ian (awaiting surgery) and Debra Clarke, Ann and Richard Naylor, Jonathan Phillips.

Heavenly Father comfort and heal those we have named, and others known only to you. Grant them peaceful hearts and restoration.

We pray for last night's Night Church. Father continue to speak into the hearts of those who visited so that they might find you.
Amen

Blessing & Dismissal

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen