

Saturday Prayers

Week-end of February 25th – 26th 2017

8th and last Sunday after Epiphany

The word of God is living and active, it sifts the thoughts
and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4.12

On the Holy Mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well beloved Son,
wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let it be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley

Wednesday, March 1st. Ash Wednesday

The beginning of Lent – we begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an
ancient sign speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the
penitence of the community as a whole.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

From Psalm 51

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create, and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday, March 3rd. The World Day of Prayer

Heavenly Father we pray for people throughout the world, that we may live together in justice and peace.

We pray for the United Nations Organization, that it may be not a symbol of our peace and unity, drawing together all nations and people under the Banner of your Creative Spirit.

We pray that we may all live together respecting each other's rights, freedoms and traditions; sharing and relating to each other in the peace of God.

We pray for the leaders of the nations, that they may lead us in justice and truth, for the benefit of all people.

Lord, it is good for us to be here, guide and protect the families of the earth that we may all share the good things you have given us and live in peace and quietness to the Glory of your Name. Amen

Lord, we hear your word with gladness, you have spoken, we rejoice: words of love and life and freedom; help us make your truth our choice!

Now in holy celebration in your world we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours to-day to prove anew.

By you Spirit's power transform us, shed your saving light abroad,
till our lives by love in action show the world the truth of God.

(Margaret Clarkson)

Blessings. nnDnn Archdeacon Ron Matthewman, OSMTH-I Chaplain.