

A minute's silence

In Remembrance of the lives lost
and all who mourn.

For those who are struggling
With mental health issues
And all who need strength to face
their wilderness days..



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FIRST Sunday in Lent



The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

And also with you

Call to worship

In you, Lord God, we put our trust. When we are tested, it is to you we turn. When we are tempted, it is in you we find strength to resist. When we are lonely, it is to you we come for consolation. Show us your ways, Lord God, and teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth, for in you we find hope, mercy and love. We come to worship you today as we set out on our Lenten Pilgrimage. Based on Psalm 25

Silence- (Ask God to speak to you now)

Lord, teach me all your ways

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

•11 Jan 2016

Hymns

[Martijn de Groot](#)

Congregational singing Metropolitan Tabernacle, London Tune: CAMACHA

Teach me Thy way, O Lord, Teach me Thy way! Thy gracious aid afford, Teach me Thy way! Help me to walk aright, More by faith, less by sight; Lead me with heavenly light: Teach me Thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, Teach me Thy way! When storms o'erspread the skies, Teach me Thy way! Shine through the cloud and rain, Through sorrow, toil, and pain; Make Thou my pathway plain: Teach me Thy way!

Long as my life shall last, Teach me Thy way! Where'er my lot be cast, Teach me Thy way! Until the race is run, Until the journey's done, Until the crown is won, Teach me Thy way!



Until the race is run

Until the journeys done

Until the crown is won

Teach me thy way

Prayer

O God, as we begin our Lenten journey, we give thanks to you, for you guide us in each step we take. Life can at times be not easy and as we walk in our own wilderness's we give thanks, that you do not leave us on our own. We come to worship you, eternal God, creator of the universe, source of all being, sustainer of life. You created the world and all which live in it. We stand amazed in your presence for your glory and power are great beyond our imagination. We cannot

imagine who you fully are. The blazing light of your purity and holiness reveals to us how imperfect we can be as we walk through life and try to measure up to you...yet in Jesus you have shown your unbounded love for us all. So dazzled by your glory, marvelling that you love us, we come to worship you. All praise and honour and glory be given to you for you are eternal God, Father almighty, loving and caring God. There are times when we do not act how we should. We confess to you, that we have done wrong. You have shown us in Jesus that it is better to give than to receive, but we have remained selfish. You have shown in Jesus that love is stronger than hatred, but we have nursed grievances and resentments. You have shown in Jesus a new way of living, but we have preferred to conform to the standards of the world. You have shown us in Jesus that the way to true greatness is the way of the Cross, but we have been afraid to follow in our Lords steps. And so, we have failed ourselves, we have failed others and worst of all, we have failed you. Your will for everyone is wholeness of life, and so Heavenly Father as you forgive our ways grant that by your Spirit's power, we may yet attain to that fullness of life which you offer to us in Jesus Christ our Lord who is our Saviour and Brother Amen.

Matthew 3:13-17

The Baptism of Jesus

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John to be baptized by him in the Jordan River. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you come to me?" ¹⁵ So Jesus replied to him, "Let it happen now, for it is right for us to fulfil all righteousness." Then John yielded to him. ¹⁶ After Jesus was baptized, just as he was coming up out of the water, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my one dear Son; in him I take great delight."

Matthew 4:1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

⁴ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After he fasted forty days and forty nights he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." ⁴ But he answered, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then

the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the highest point of the temple, ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, '*He will command his angels concerning you*' and '*with their hands they will lift you up, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Once again it is written: '*You are not to put the Lord your God to the test.*'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their grandeur. ⁹ And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you throw yourself to the ground and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: '*You are to worship the Lord your God and serve only him.*'" ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and began ministering to his needs

On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

•5 Dec 2020



[James Biery](#)

Sung by the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church (Michigan) Virtual Choir with James Biery, organist. Words by Charles Coffin, tr. John Chandler. Music WINCHESTER NEW harmonized by Wm. Henry Monk.

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

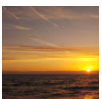
What is this?

We put the alleluias away and clear out the fridge as symbols of the de-cluttering that we desire in our lives. For the call to repentance comes to us today to be embraced not as a once for all, but as a discipline to be repeated time and again. In high seasons and in low, in busyness and in quiet, finding wilderness spaces allows us to turn again to the God whom we lost in all the distractions that life presents: The God who looks into our eyes, tells us we are beloved children and then reveals a work that only we can do. God calls us to trek through the wilderness in preparation for striding through life focused on God's mission.



Shall we gather at the river

Shall we gather at the river
•10 Jun 2010



[THENBA](#)

Shall we gather at the river Words & Music: Robert Lowry 1864 Recorded at Rowley Baptist Church June 2010

1/ Shall we gather at the river Where bright angel feet have trod With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

2/ Yes, we'll gather at the river The beautiful, the beautiful river Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God

3/ On the margin of the river Washing up its silver spray We will talk and worship ever All the happy golden day

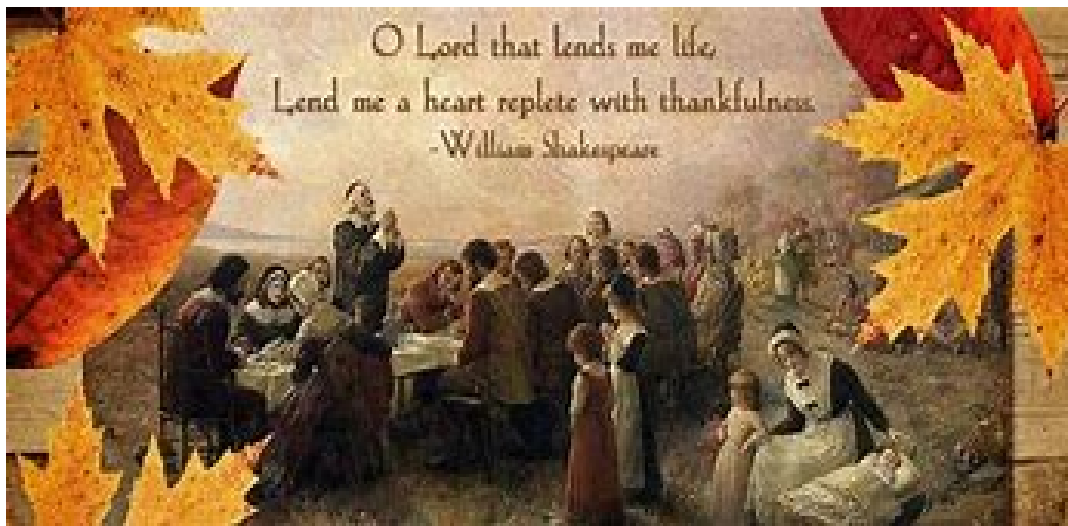
4/ Ere we reach the shining river Lay we every burden down Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown

5/ At the shining of the river Mirror of the Saviours face Saints, whom death will never sever Lift their songs of saving grace

6/ Soon we'll reach the silver river Soon our pilgrimage will cease Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace

Revelation 22:1

Then he showed me the river of living water, sparkling like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.



What is a Pilgrimage

A Pilgrim Path is one which emerges from the Christian tradition. With the purpose of spiritual encounter, it is generally undertaken on foot to a significant place.



A Christian Pilgrimage is a journey to a significant place, made with the intention of encountering God in Christ. It encourages engagement with the surrounding landscape, offering space to reflect and pray. Its value to Christian mission and discipleship is limitless; each pilgrim can explore and deepen their relationship with God in an individual and corporate way, drawn aside from the preoccupations of daily life, encountering God through nature, landscape and the many beautiful churches and cathedrals which the world offers. A pilgrimage can be made on foot, by bike, or by bus. It can be undertaken alone or in a group, with friends, family or strangers... All you need is an openness to what the journey might offer, and a willingness to be changed

Reflection

As we enter the period of lent, we are pilgrims in a barren land searching for something more than what we have...a spiritual experience which will enlighten us and draw us closer to God. Another year has passed and you have probably been thinking what shall I give up for lent this year...the common sacrificial choice is normally chocolate, alcohol, cakes, biscuits, sugar, I know of one person who gave up cheese last year, I so love cheese she said, forgive me for what I am about to say, that the popularity of these minor sacrifices, however, does not mean that they are the most meaningful things to give up for Lent. Have you ever thought Instead of giving up something why not start to do something new, an exercise, a program which will bring you closer to God...for I am not convinced giving up chocolate will do this, if I am wrong you may wish to correct me.

Have you heard the joke of The first Friday of Lent

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighbourhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on his grill. Meanwhile, all of his neighbours were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent,

the neighbourhood men got together and decided that something had to be done about John; he was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore. They decided to try and convert John to be a Catholic. They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbours and become a Catholic. They took him to church, and the priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic." The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved. The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighbour were sitting down to their tuna fish dinner, there came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill. The neighbourhood men could not believe their noses! What was going on? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first Friday of Lent. The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."

As we know, Lent begins the period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Officially, Lent lasts 40 days, but it rarely lasts exactly this. It can last a little over 40 days, and some years it may run up to as far as 46 days, now that is harsh... This period of time represents the 40 days that Jesus Christ spent in the desert. Just like how the length of Lent varies from year to year, Jesus is unlikely to have spent exactly 40 days in the desert. In fact, the number 40 in biblical times was often used to mean "many" rather than the actual number. So "40 days" or "40 years" actually means "many days" or "many years."

Before the temptation where Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit, we have this wonderful scene of Jesus being baptised... When He came to John to be baptized, John was startled and unwilling to baptize his cousin. It was John's conviction that it was he who needed what Jesus could give, not Jesus who needed what he could give. Many have found the baptism of Jesus hard to understand, why did he wish to be baptised ...for John's baptism there is call to repentance, and the offer of a way to the forgiveness of sins. Jesus is who we believe to be, does not need repentance or forgiveness for he does not sin...Does he not say, after his mother suggests going to John to be baptised, "for he baptises the remissions of sins," and Jesus responds," What sin have I

committed, that I should go and be baptised by him? Except perchance this very thing that I have said is ignorance."

This has puzzled many, why did he go to be baptised for he is without sin... Well, maybe it should not be such a puzzle for if we think about this, Jesus was 30 years old, and for these past years he had faithfully been performing the simple duties of the home and of the carpenter's shop. All the time he knew the world was waiting for him, yet the time was not right till now. This was his time, Jesus had been waiting for, the hour to strike, and this was the time as John undertook such a role, this is so significant, here, now, the start of his ministry.

As Jesus was a Jew, baptism was not something they did, this only was performed on those who were coming from other faiths...for it was only right that the sin stained polluted converter should be baptised ..no Jews had had ever thought that they , a member of the chosen people, a son of Abraham, assured of God's salvation , could ever need such an act. The Reverent Willie Barclay writes, "

"This was the very moment for which Jesus had been waiting. People were conscious of their sin and of their needs of God as never before. This was His opportunity, and in His baptism, He identified Himself with the search of men for God. When Jesus went to be baptised, He was identifying Himself with the men He came to save, in the hour of their new consciousness of their own sin, and of their search of God."

The time had come, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," a voice from heaven was heard...and the certainty for Jesus that he had been chosen to be King, the Messiah, the Saviour of the World, and his route was to the Cross. Here he's to conquer with his weapon of suffering love.

Baptism started the three-year journey, temptation was one of the acts he had to go through to finalise his Kingship...Jesus was taken into the wilderness where he was being tempted...for some they may see this as being tempted into doing bad, to sin against God. In the English it does seem to be being enticed into doing wrong, yet when it comes to God, He would never try to entice us to sin and do wrong instead, what we have is test. Abraham was tested and narrowly escaped sacrificing his beloved Son, Isaac. It is quite clear that tempt is not seeking to seduce evil, it's a supreme test...as Abraham was tested, so Jesus's loyalty was to be tested. So, a man has to be tested before God can use him for his purpose. The Jews had a saying,

"The Holy One, blessed be His Name, does not elevate a man to dignity till He has first tried and searched him; and if he stands temptation, then He raises him to dignity."

So, what we have is the wonderful truths of being uplifted to God...what we call temptation is not meant to make us sinful, it is meant to enable us to conquer sin, it's to man, good not bad, we are to become strong not weak and emerge purer through the ordeal of temptation...This year what are your temptations?

Instead of the minor sacrifices why not give up your time, and give it to God. Instead of not eating chocolate which you so love, don't you, why not start to read the Bible each day, take a break from your life and as you read you can savour a bar of your favourite chocolate and as you allow God to speak to you through His Holy and magnificent words.

Allow God to take you on a pilgrimage through the life of the Bible,

Allow God to take you on a mysterious wonderful tour only you and he can personally have for it will be your trip with God.

And when temptation comes your way, and It will sadly,

Allow God to forgive you, for we all trip up, at some-time or other, dust yourself down and reposition yourself with Him and move forward again...in life we do make mistakes, God allows us to return to him, for he loves you so...

Our Lenten pilgrimage this year, 2021, let's give ourselves time with God and be alone with Him. On this Lenten tour may God hold you close and lead you forth out of the misery of the last year, away from our sins, into something that is heavenly, enlightening and shall make you stronger and keep you safe, bringing you closer to God, now isn't that worth 40 day of Godly togetherness. Blessings to you as we go together through our forty days and forty nights with God our Lord Amen.

"The Testimony of a Confederate

Soldier" from the period of the Great Civil War the United States."

It seems appropriate as a closing to this reflection, because of how it describes what God can accomplish in us through our wilderness experiences, through our times of testing. It goes like this:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve

I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
 I asked for health that I might do greater things
 I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
 I asked for riches that I might be happy
 I was given poverty that I might be wise.
 I asked for power that I might have the praise of men
 I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
 I asked for all things that I might enjoy life
 I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
 I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.
 Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
 I am among all men, most richly blessed.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen.



I want to start reading the Bible, where do I start ?

A lot of new and seasoned Christians have a story about their attempts to read the Bible cover to cover that goes something like this: It was going great as they read through [Genesis](#) and [Exodus](#), but somewhere in [Leviticus](#) or [Numbers](#), they started to get bogged down in details they didn't quite understand. And by the time they hit [Deuteronomy](#), they were done. While it's true that "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)), we need to recognize that the Bible is not like any other book. It isn't necessarily meant to be read from front to back. In fact, the Bible is actually a library. The Protestant Bible is comprised of 66 books, and many of those books are written in a variety of different genres or types of literature. These genres all need to be read a little differently. Starting at [Genesis](#) and trying to read straight through without a strategy can get frustrating if you don't know how these books and their

literary genres work together. There are a few ways to classify the genres of the Bible, but they typically fall into these categories.

Historical narrative

Books include: [Genesis](#), [Exodus](#), [Leviticus](#), [Numbers](#), [Deuteronomy](#), [Joshua](#), [Judges](#), [Ruth](#), [1](#) and [2](#) Samuel, [1](#) and [2](#) Kings, [1](#) and [2](#) Chronicles, [Ezra](#), [Nehemiah](#), [Esther](#), [Jonah](#), [Acts](#)

While most of the Bible's books have some element of history to them, these are the ones that are primarily focused on communicating stories of historical significance. In these books, you'll find a lot of the Bible stories you probably heard when you were a kid.

Wisdom literature

Books include: [Job](#), [Proverbs](#), [Ecclesiastes](#)

Wisdom literature focuses on what it means to live well. Some of the language is poetic and figurative, so it can't always be read in the same way that you'd read the Bible's historical books. For instance, [Proverbs 13:14](#) tells us that "the teaching of the wise is a fountain of life . . ." This doesn't mean that wise teaching is a literal fountain, but a rather continuing source of intellectual and spiritual nourishment.

Poetry

Books include: [Psalms](#), [Song of Songs](#), [Lamentations](#)

While many Old Testament books contain portions of poetry, these three books are written as verse. Unlike English poetry that focuses more on rhyme and meter, Hebrew poetry creates an emotional impact by focusing on balanced, parallel lines. We can see an example of this in [Psalm 24:3-4](#) where we're told, "3Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? 4The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god." — [Psalm 24:3-4](#)

Both verses use repetitive lines to drive the point home. To ascend to the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place both communicate a blamelessness before God—and faithfulness is communicated by the comparable ideas of not trusting in idols or swearing by false gods.

Prophecy

Books include: [Isaiah](#), [Jeremiah](#), [Ezekiel](#), [Daniel](#), [Hosea](#), [Joel](#), [Amos](#), [Obadiah](#), [Micah](#), [Nahum](#), [Habakkuk](#), [Zephaniah](#), [Haggai](#), [Zechariah](#), [Malachi](#)

The Bible's prophetic literature focuses on God's word spoken through his prophets. These messages tend to emphasize Israel's need to repent before they experience the Lord's judgment. When reading prophecy, it's essential to

understand who God is talking to through his spokespeople and the overall message he is trying to convey.

Apocalyptic literature

Books include: [Daniel](#), [Revelation](#)

Like some of the Bible's prophetic literature, the apocalyptic writings focus on future events. Because so much apocalyptic literature involves dreams and visions translated into symbols and imagery, this is often the most difficult genre to understand—and the easiest to misinterpret.

Gospels

Books include: [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#), [John](#), [Acts](#)

Sometimes the Gospels get lumped in with the historical narrative books of the Bible, and that makes sense. After all, their entire value rests on their historic nature. But what separates them into their own genre is that the Gospels focus on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. And while all four Gospels concentrate on the life of Jesus, they all have a unique emphasis and each one approaches the story differently. Luke's Gospel and Acts are both technically epistles, but they revolve around the Messiah and his establishment of the church, so they also fall into this literary genre.

Epistles

Books

include: [Romans](#), [1](#) and [2](#) Corinthians, [Galatians](#), [Ephesians](#), [Philippians](#), [Colossians](#), [1](#) and [2](#) Thessalonians, [1](#) and [2](#) Timothy, [Titus](#), [Philemon](#), [Hebrews](#), [James](#), [1](#) and [2](#) Peter, [1](#), [2](#), and [3](#) John, [Jude](#)

Epistles are letters, and like modern letters, they're made up of a greeting, a body, and a closing. These letters focus on instruction, correction, and encouragement for these new first-century churches.

So where do I start?

Now that you have a better picture of the Bible as a collection of books, you can be intentional about how you approach it. Instead of walking into what is essentially a library and trying to read your way through the books indiscriminately, you can read them strategically. As you do, you'll find that with each Bible book that you read, you gain a better understanding of the others.

Here are some suggestions to get you started:

[The Gospel of Mark](#)

Genre: Gospel

Chapters: 16

Total verses: 678

For the Christian, the Bible is ultimately about redemption through Jesus Christ. It makes sense then to begin your biblical journey in the Gospels, and Mark's is a great place to start. Running the length of a longer magazine article, it should take less than two hours to read in a single sitting.

Mark's Gospel will give you an overview of Jesus' life without getting you bogged down in too many details. Once you have an understanding of this Gospel's narrative and all the characters, you'll be able to dive into the other Gospels with more clarity and understanding.

Key verse: *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* — [Mark 10:45](#)

[The Gospel of John](#)

Genre: Gospel

Chapters: 21

Total verses: 879

Where Mark focuses on what Jesus *did*, John looks closely at what Jesus *said* about himself. We find some of the clearest explanations of who Jesus was and what he came to accomplish in John's Gospel account. It's from John's Gospel that we learn that "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" ([John 3:16](#)).

Key verse: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* — [John 1:1](#) from www.thenivbible.com/blog/start-reading-bible/

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you

Do Not be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You [with lyrics for congregations]
•23 Oct 2020



[Chet Valley Churches](#)

"Do Not be Afraid, For I Have Redeemed You" was written by Gerald Markland, published in 2008. It is based on Isaiah 43:1-2

Refrain

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are mine.

1/ When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you. You will never sink beneath the waves.

Refrain.

2/ When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

Refrain.

3/ When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.

Refrain.

4/ When you dwell in the exile of the stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

Refrain.

5/ You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.

Refrain.

Words and music: *Gerald Markland.*

Right hand of fellowship



I am leaving with you a gift, peace of mind and heart. John 14:17

Peace be with you.



Intercession Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we read the Scriptures and learn more about Jesus's life, we have reached the point in the church calendar where Jesus's ministry is beginning. We give thanks for his baptism and delight in your voice from heaven saying, "This is my one dear Son; in him I take great delight." And as he was led into the wilderness by the Spirit, he began his spiritual journey. Lord we give thanks for our own baptism and as the Holy waters flowed and we were engulfed by your Spirit descending upon us, for we are truly blessed for our hearts are filled with your Holy Spirit, as our ministries of life grow. As we journey through life, we enter our wildernesses where we are tempted, where we are led forth on a windy and rough road which takes us to places, we wish to forget. Lord as we travel you are with us, and as we become scared, fearful of what might be, we can put our trust in you that whatever happens we shall be safe...Lord God we are on a pilgrimage, and like so many in the past who follow a spiritual quest, we today are led forth on our own personal journey. For the last year we have felt a mixed bag of emotions...and as we begin Lent this year, we pray that you shall guide our thoughts and actions, leading us to a place where we can receive spiritual strength and growth, and where we can cleanse our minds and bodies to become more tuned to you...As we gather to worship you, we do so in your name. We pray for people who are struggling and are finding their days are long...for those who are in need of shelter and food who know so well what it is like to be cold, hungry and not loved. We pray for people who know too well what it is to feel the pains of grief, as they mourn, releasing their loved ones as they continue to journey with you, the feeling of emptiness as we grieve, not being in control of life and emotions, the heartbreak of not being able to speak to a loved one, one more time, seeing their smile, sharing in the day's activities, receiving a hug, feeling the warmth of their being. Lord we give thanks for friends and family who comfort us, who gives us space when needed, and know when we need time with them...Lord as we pilgrimage through life, we

see much, and there is much to pray about...in silence hear our prayers.....Silence.....In life and death we are with you...we pray for all who are being cared for, who are receiving medical treatment, to all who are giving assistance to those in need. Lord for those who look after others and are helping each one of us as we travel on our Lenten pilgrimage, we give thanks and ask you to bless them who bless us with their kindness and love. In Jesus name we pray that we will grow in faith, able to run a good race, confident of our high calling, faithful in His service, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord who teaches us each day to be better than we were yesterday. We say together,

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen



WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL-WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE

•11 Feb 2014



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WHO WOULD TRUE VALOUR SEE

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Who would true valour see

Let him come hither

One here will constant be

Come wind, come weather
 There's no discouragement
 Shall make him once relent
 His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim

Whoso beset him 'round
 With dismal stories
 Who but themselves confound
 His strength the more is
 No lion can him fright
 He'll with a giant fight
 But he will have a right to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
 Can daunt his spirit
 He knows he at the end
 Shall life inherit
 Then fancies flee away
 He'll fear not what men say
 He'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim

Benediction

Go in peace, love and care for one another in Christ's name,
 and may the blessing of God the Creator,
 the peace of God the Christ,
 and the power of God the Holy Spirit,
 abide with you as you travel where he leads you,
 both now and forevermore. Amen

Three-fold -Amen

Joke time

1/ The husband and wife were traveling on holiday in Scotland. As they approached Kirkcudbright, they started arguing about the pronunciation of the town. The argument raged until they stopped for lunch. As they stood in the restaurant, the husband asked the guy behind the counter: "Can you please settle an argument between me and my wife? How do you pronounce where we are in?" The guy leaned over the counter and said: "Burr... gerr... kiiing."

2/ It was mealtime on a small budget airline. So, the flight attendant asked one of the passengers: "Would you like dinner?" The passenger replied: "What are my choices?" The flight attendant answered: "Yes or no. All other options have been eliminated due to budget cuts."

3/ A big train was traveling across the country. After a while the first engine broke down. The driver continued at half-power, but then the other engine failed and the train came to a standstill. Speaking over the intercom, the driver told the passengers: "I have good news and bad news. The bad news is that both engines have failed and we will be stuck here. The good news is that you decided to take the train instead of an airplane."

4/ An elderly woman from the country was visiting the big city for the first time. She checked in at the hotel and let the porter take her bags. She followed him in. But as the door closed, her face fell. "Young man," she said to him. "I may be old, but I'm not stupid. I paid a lot of money for this room, but it's nothing like I expected. It's too small and there's no air conditioning. There's not even a bed here!" The Porter replied: "This isn't your room. This is the lift lady."

At my lowest,
God is my hope.

At my weakest,
God is my strength.

At my saddest,
***God is my
comforter.***

-Unknown

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