ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON PRAYER IN THE HOME SUNDAY 29 MARCH

INTROIT <u>The Lord bless you and keep you</u>, John Rutter.

GATHERING

The Lord be with you **And also with you**.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us: That we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, come to us: That we may know your love

Father, receive our prayers: That we deepen our trust in You.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all desires as known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ST BARNABAS CLAPHAM COMMON

COLLECT for the 5th Sunday of Lent

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PSALM 130

- Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, more than the night watch for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

BIBLE READING James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.

¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

SERMON: Integrity: your communal self [Rule of Life 5] A sermon about how the integrity is expressed through honest sharing, undefended confession and a community of grace.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to the Lord, who is our refuge and stronghold.

For the health and well-being of our nation, that all who are fearful and anxious may be at peace and free from worry: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound, that we may be alert to their needs, and care for them in their vulnerability: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families, our schools and young people, and all in any kind of need or distress: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community, that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship, where all are known and cared for: Lord, hear us, Lord, graciously hear us. We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen