

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for February 28, 2021
Second Sunday in Lent**



I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6:14*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1.8, 9*

Dear friends in Christ,
as we prepare to worship almighty God,
let us with penitent and obedient hearts
confess our sins,
that we may obtain forgiveness
by his infinite goodness and mercy.
Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest says, Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

Psalm 22:23-31 Response: The Lord has always been mindful of his covenant.

22:23 You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

22:24 For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

22:25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

22:26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

22:28 For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

22:29 To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

22:30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

22:31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

A Reading from Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

17:3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

17:4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

17:5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

17:6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

17:7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

17:15 God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

17:16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 468 To Abraham and Sarah

1. To Abraham and Sarah

The call of God was clear:

'Go forth and I will show you
A country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
For I have pledged my word:
That you shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

2. From Abraham and Sarah

Arose a pilgrim race,
Dependent for their journey
On God's abundant grace.
And in their heart was written
By God this saving word:
That you shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

3. We of this generation
On whom God's hand is laid,
Can journey to the future
Secure and unafraid!
Rejoicing in God's goodness
And trusting in this word:
That you shall be my people
And I will be your God.'

A Reading from Romans 4:13-25

4:13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

4:16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. **The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

CP 536 Singing Songs of Expectation

1 Singing songs of expectation,
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Trusting God we march together
Stepping fearless through the night.

2 One the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread:
One the object of our journey,
One the faith which never tires,
One the earnest looking forward,
One the hope our God inspires.

3 One the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One the march in God begun:
One the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the one almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 8:31-38

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CP 450 You Call Us Lord To Be

1 You call us, Lord, to be
a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind
and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be
good stewards of the earth;
to tend to it as a place
of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

2 You call us, Lord, to care
for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare
to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

4 You call us, Lord, to serve:
to die that we may live,
to know we best receive
when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

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(The chorus appears at the beginning and between each of the verses)

Chorus: Open your eyes see yourself
In the one who's shining on the hill
Hear the voice say to you
This is the one that I love

1. See yourself in the waters of the Jordan
Baptized into all that Christ will do
Go to your Jerusalem
Eat and watch and pray with Him
Take your cross and follow on the way

3. See yourself in the resurrected daughter
See yourself in the wanderer welcomed
home
He was dead but lives again
We can celebrate with Him
Like the angels when the lost is found

2. See yourself in the healing of the lepers
See yourself in the raising of the dead
Hear what demons say to Him
Be denied betrayed with Him
Die and rise up each and every day

4. See yourself in the worn and weary healer
Talking with the woman at the well
One more boundary broken down
Everywhere is holy ground
Now the real Messiah's here to stay

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven.
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People compiled and led by Betty Johnson

TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY NO. 14 on Page 121 of the BAS
(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, " Lord, have mercy.")

In the worldwide cycle of prayer, we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (for the Anglican Church of the Region of Central America).

In Canada we pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe.

In our Diocese we pray for Bishop Jane. With Bishop Jane's decision to step down as Bishop of Edmonton on April 16, 2021, comes a time of great transition for the diocese. Even as we prepare to say good-bye to a beloved leader, the diocese must turn its attention toward choosing the next and we will pray for that process.

In our Diocese we pray for the parish of St. John the Baptist, St. Paul and we pray for our own parish of St Peters, especially our worship leaders Heather and Alison and our many volunteers who work tirelessly for our benefit.

We pray for the Canterbury Foundation residence and staff as they search for new board members from the Anglican community.
In the Buyé Diocese we pray for the Youth Coordinator: Audace Kwizera.

We pray for the people of the Enoch Cree Nation.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you,
Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness the Church may preach the gospel
to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you,
Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Queen Elizabeth and all in authority throughout the world that there may be
peace in the world, and that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, or
those in danger and for anyone who is affected in any way by the Coronavirus; and
everyone in need; and especially for those for whom our prayers are requested:
Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim
and Par, Kathryn, Joan, Trevor and Kristine and George and Carla. Mary, Helen, and 2-
year-old Breton and his father, Troy.

that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died especially Jeanette Ellis
and Lynda Mandel and for comfort for those who mourn, we pray to you Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Loving Heavenly Father, we come to you in this time of darkness and turmoil with heavy
hearts but also with hope in You through your blessed Son, our redeemer and Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

Our places of worship have been closed for many months and we pray that you will
grant us the joy of opening our doors when the time is right, with all safety precautions
in place. We pray we may once more join in person with our brothers and sisters in
Christ to worship together and join in praise to your Holy name.

In your wisdom, grant us also the patience and grace to accept whatever decision is
made not only in regard to our dear St. Peter's but also in all places of worship in this
season of Lent, we pray to you, O God,

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: mercifully accept the
prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

**Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to
glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 466 How Clear is Our Vocation Lord

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.

2 But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind,
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care,
our inward life repair.

3 We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

4 In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you.
The cross you hung upon,
all you endeavored done.

The Dismissal

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. *Matthew 4.4*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.