

**A Service of Morning Prayer
for March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent**



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.
John 11:25, 26

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 51:1-12 Refrain Create in me a clean heart, O God.

51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

51:4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

51:5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

51:6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

51:7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

51:9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

51:11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

A Reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34

31:31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

31:32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

31:34 No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CP 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

1 Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written
full clear on every page;
our forebears knew your goodness,
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

2 Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten
to share the great King's feast,
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

3 When shadows, thickly falling,
Engulfed the world in night,
You summoned forth your servants,
Your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
Your plenteous grace was poured,
And this was still their message:
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

4 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored:
The covenant of promise
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

5 Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
Your people shall be one,
and then by all creation,
Your name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem,
'One church, one faith, one Lord.'

A Reading from Hebrews 5:5-10

5:5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

5:6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

5:8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

5:9 and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

5:10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek..

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CCLI 7002026 Facing a Task Unfinished

1. Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known.

2. Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

Chorus

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord.

3. We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

Chorus

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

4. O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

Chorus

We go to all the world
With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12:20-33

12:20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

12:21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

12:23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

12:24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

12:25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

12:26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

12:27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

12:28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."

12:29 The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

12:30 Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

12:32 And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

12:33 He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CP 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
In your death we are reborn,
Though you die in all of history,
Still you rise with every morn,
Still you rise with every morn.

2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
May we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story
We may die to rise anew,
We may die to rise anew.

3. We remember truth once spoken,
Love passed on through act and word,
Every person lost and broken
Wears the body of our Lord,
Wears the body of our Lord.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
We may all your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.

5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
Stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow,
We the river, you the sea,
We the river, you the sea.

6. God of all our fear and sorrow,
God who lives beyond our death;
Hold us close through each tomorrow,
Love as near as every breath.
Love as near as every breath.

Sermon by the Rev. Heather Liddell

CCLI 7152438 How Can I Stay

1. The voice that spoke the earth to be
Is the same voice that's calling me
His words with all authority
Said the harvest is ready

Chorus

When You say go
How can I stay
The only way to live
Is to give my life away

2. The Holy God who walked in flesh
Is dwelling now inside my chest
With His power and authority
I become His hands and feet

Chorus

When You say go
How can I stay
The only way to live
Is to give my life away
When You say go
How can I stay
The only way to live
Is to give my life away.

Bridge

I want to go where You go
I want to love like You love
I want to lay down my life
I want to go where You go

Chorus

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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 Lesley Lambert

We join together in prayer today as we continue our journey towards Easter. We remember that even if we may not be together physically your presence is ever with us and you hear the concerns and hopes we give to you through prayer.

We pray for churches throughout the world as they seek to continue to provide care for their people. We pray for The Church of England, for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick, Bishop. In Edmonton, we pray for St. Augustine's, Parkland, Billy Isenor, Rector, and Lesley Hand and John Rushton, Honorary Assistants and our own parish family and ministry of St. Peter's. Today we remember our Bishop, Jane, as she nears the end of her journey as Bishop to embark on a new journey in God's service. As we prepare to say goodbye to a beloved leader we pray for a smooth transition as we search for a new Bishop.

We pray for the Gahengeri Indigenous community in the Buye Diocese, Jean de Dieu Nzobarinda, and for the Kehewin Cree Nation.

Lord, grant us patience as we gently and hopefully move towards a more normal life where we can resume visits with friends and family. Thank you for those who are providing vaccines for us and for those who continue to care for the many people still ill in hospital or at home. Let us remember those whom we remember privately and those for whom our prayers have been requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim and Par, Kathryn, Joan,, Trevor and Kristine, Mary, Helen, Brent, Cathy, Jennifer, Gavin, Ginnie, Judy Large, Niall, Jordan and Simone.

We also pray for the Canterbury Foundation residents and staff as they search for more board members from the Anglican community.

We pray today for the people of Myanmar and all those who are in danger for expressing their beliefs and opinions, a basic human right for which we are grateful in our country of Canada. Let us remember the 2 Canadians imprisoned in China, Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor and pray for their safe delivery from incarceration. Support their families as you support all those who are afraid, lonely, lacking food shelter or simply the warmth of human contact.

We remember those who have passed from this earthly life, their journey here completed, especially Richard Alan Kindrachuk and Frances Buxton. May they Rest In Peace and rise in glory.

Lord, you are with us as we rise in the morning and rest at night. Grant our petitions as you feel most fitting for us, as we pray to you through your most precious son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Collect

Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him 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 462 The Hidden Stream

1 The hidden stream that feeds our daily acts of care
springs forth in worship when Christ leads the church in song and prayer.
Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near.

2 The stream runs clear and deep and tastes of heaven's skies,
and where its ceaseless currents sweep, flows life that never dies.
Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near.

3 A heart of stone and dust, of withered hopes and dreams,
becomes a spring of faith and trust by drinking from these streams.
Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near.

4 We leave this watered place to work on rocky ground,
yet even there the streams of grace sustain our daily round.
Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near.

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.

Thanks be to God.

God has forgiven your iniquity and remembers your sin no more.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!