

**A Service of Morning Prayer**  
**March 20, 2022**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



**Christ and the Barren Fig Tree**, Giandomenico Tiepolo 1727-1804  
 Anonymous sale; Sotheby's, London, 16 April 1980, lot 210, as G.D. Tiepolo.

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 4.17*

**CP 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth**

1 Word of God, come down on earth,  
 Living rain from heaven descending:  
 Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
 Faith and hope and love unending.  
 Word almighty, we revere you;  
 Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

2 Word eternal, throned on high,  
 Word that brought to life creation,  
 Word that came from heaven to die,  
 Crucified for our salvation;  
 Saving word, the world restoring,  
 Speak to us, your love outpouring.

3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
 Speak and heal our mortal blindness.  
 Deaf we are: our healer be;  
 Loose our tongues to tell your kindness.  
 Be our Word in pity spoken;  
 Heal the world by our sin broken.

4 Word that speaks God's tender love,  
 One with God beyond all telling;  
 Word that sends us from above  
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling;  
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;  
 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 And the love of God,  
 And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
 Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
 All desires known,  
 And from you 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.**

Psalm 63:1-8      *Refrain:* The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

63:1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

63:2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

63:4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

63:5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

63:6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

63:7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

63:8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

### Reading from Isaiah 55:1-9

55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

55:4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

55:5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

55:7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 385 Worship the Lord in The Beauty of Holiness**

1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy  
prayerfulness,  
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3 Fear not to enter his courts in the  
slenderness  
of the poor wealth thou canst reckon as thine;  
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4 These, though we bring them in trembling  
and fearfulness,  
he will accept for the name that is dear;  
mornings of joy give for evenings of  
tearfulness,  
trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness  
bring, and adore him; the Lord is his name!

**A Reading from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

10:1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all  
under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that  
followed them, and the rock was Christ.

10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in  
the wilderness.

10:6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they  
did.

10:7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to  
eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

10:8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three  
thousand fell in a single day.

10:9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by  
serpents.

10:10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

10:11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down  
to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

10:12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

10:13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he  
will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the  
way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CP 612 Healer of Our Every Will*****Refrain:***

***Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

2 In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

3 Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

4 You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Luke 13:1-9**

13:1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

13:2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"

13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

13:4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

13:5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

13:6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

13:7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

13:8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

13:9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon by the Rev. Jonathan Crane**

(The Rev. Heather Liddell is preaching today at St. Augustine, Fulton Road)

**CCLI 7019974 Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)**

1 All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered  
Mended and whole  
Empty handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

*Pre-Chorus*

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

**Chorus**

***Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life***

2 You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

**Chorus...****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 Beth-Anne Exham

FOR OUR INTERCESSIONS TODAY WE WILL USE LITANY # 3 on page 112

(Let us offer our prayers to the source of all love and all life, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer.")

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who call themselves Christians: that we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to the praise of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for Stephen our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers throughout the world.

For La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

For the Diocese of Central Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop

In the Diocese of Edmonton for St. Michael and All Angels: Colleen Sanderson, Rector

For our St. Peter's Family especially our clergy Heather, and Alison and our music ministry from Nadine and all our family, as we strive to continue to be a witness to those around us.

In the Diocese of Buye, for Giteranyi Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector.

and for all First Nations People of Treaty 6

that they may remain faithful to their calling and rightly proclaim the word of truth.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority throughout the world as they strive to deal with floods, hurricanes, fires, the pandemic and now threats of war. May they work together that your people may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We give to you, Lord, our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. We pray for their safety and recovery. We pray that those causing injustice may come to know Your Love and Strength and give them the desire to heal not harm.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

We pray for this city of Edmonton and those who live here, the poor and the rich, the elderly and the young, men and women; that you will help us to show your goodwill to all.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the VICTIMS of our society and those who minister to them and for all who are in any need. We especially remember those for whom our prayers are requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Lois Ward, Mary, Irene, Kathryn, Helen, Jenifer, Judy, Tony and Mary Jean, Luisa, Lois Davis, Miranda, Iain, Diane and Bill, Maxime, Geraldine, Florence, Joan, and Shirley and Cyril.

that you will be their help and defence.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who have died, especially Kathleen Frances Crerar, Gillian U., and Ray Hayden, and for comfort for those who mourn.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We pray for those preparing for baptism, and for those recently baptised, that they may be strengthened in the faith.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

We give thanks for St. Peter and all the saints who have found favour in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and those whose names are known to you alone : and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses.

**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Almighty God, kindle , we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide us with your wisdom that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your LOVE through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

*The people are invited to confession in these or similar words.*

Dear friends in Christ,  
 God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
 he welcomes sinners  
 and invites them to his table.  
 Let us confess our sins,  
 confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

Collect

Father of mercy,  
 alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.  
 When we are discouraged by our weakness,  
 strengthen us to follow Christ,  
 our pattern and our hope;  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 520 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Vs. 1-4)

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
 whose goodness faileth never.  
 I nothing lack if I am his,  
 and he is mine forever.

3 Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
 but yet in love he sought me;  
 and on his shoulder gently laid,  
 and home, rejoicing, brought me.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
 my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
 and where the verdant pastures grow,  
 with food celestial feedeth.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 thy cross before to guide me.

The Dismissal

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. *Matthew 4.17*

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.

My dear friends, be swift to love, make haste to be kind,  
 and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**