



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

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✠ The Penitential Rite

Priest: In the name of the Holy One: Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

How faithfully have we continued
in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Priest: How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil,
and whenever we fell into sin,
repented and returned to the Lord?

All: **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Priest: How faithfully have we proclaimed
by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All: **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Priest: How faithfully have we sought and served Christ in all persons,
loving our neighbours as ourselves?

All: **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Priest: How faithfully have we striven
for justice and peace among all people,
respecting the dignity of every human being?

All: **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

Priest: How faithfully have we striven to safeguard
the integrity of God's creation,
respecting, sustaining and renewing
the life of the earth?

All: Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.

Priest: 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.

Kyrie - Missa No. 6 (*Healey Willan*)

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Priest: Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Dennis Duffy*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be

cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 9:8-17

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 25.1-9 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
Let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **Refrain**

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
And for the sake of your goodness, O God. **Refrain**

Gracious are you and upright, O God;
Therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.
Your paths, O God, are love and faithfulness
To those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Ron Waldie*

Reader: A Reading from the first Letter of Peter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Peter 3:18-22

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”



1. I want Je-sus to walk with me; I want Je-sus to wa-lk with me;
2. In my tri-als, Lord, walk with me; In my tri-als Lord, wa-lk with me;
3. In my sor-rows, Lord, walk with me; In my sor-rows, Lord wa-lk with me;



All a long my pil - grim jour-ney, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with
When the shades of li - fe are fall-ing Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with
When my heart wi - th-in is ach-ing, Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with



Text: Traditional Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood,
from *The Haywood Collection of African American Spirituals*

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me.
me.

The Gospel: *Steven Mackison*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 1:9-15

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

Homily: Angie Hocking

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “Lord, I Ain’t No Stranger Now” (*African American Spiritual, arr. Clayton White*)

Lord, I ain't no stranger now.

'Cause I been redeemed by the Holy Ghost,
and I ain't no stranger now.

'Cryin Holy unto the Lord

'Cause I been redeemed by the Holy Ghost,
and I ain't no stranger now.

Sinner, run and hide your face.

Sinner, run to the rock and hide your face.

Stand on that Rock where Moses stood.

'Cause I ain't no stranger now.

Hymn: #565 (Common Praise) "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"



1. Guide me, O thou great Je- ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
2. Op - en now the crys - tal foun-tain whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
3. When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might-y; hold me with thy power-ful hand.
let the fire and cloud- y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
death of death, and hell's des - truc-tion, land me safe on Ca-naan's side:



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to thee,



feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

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The Prayers of the People: *Abigail Young*

Leader: For the Church and the world, we pray, saying:
God of steadfast promise,

All: **Open us to your love.**

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: We pray for the Church:
for The Church of the Province of Central Africa
for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of British Columbia
for Hilary Keachie and her ministry with Children, Youth and Families.

In this season of Lent, your Church, O God,
anticipates the passion, death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant to your people the grace to be faithful to our baptismal covenant,
and to keep a holy Lent for the love of you.
Without love, we know that all our observances ring false,
and so we pray:

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: God of steadfast promise,

All: Open us to your love.

Leader: We pray for the World:

We are reminded again this morning of your covenantal promise
that you will not send the waters of destruction upon the whole earth.
Out of our own malice and thirst for power,
however, we seem bent on destroying each other by ourselves.
That the world may learn care for the earth and for all creatures,
we pray:

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: God of steadfast promise,

All: Open us to your love.

Leader: We pray for This Community:

We pray that during this Lenten season
we may all understand our true hunger and our true thirst,
so that we may be fed and refreshed by your endless compassion.
We pray,

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: God of steadfast promise

All: Open us to your love.

Leader: We pray for the sick and those in any need or distress:

We pray especially for those caught in the devastation of Covid-19
the sick and dying, those who have lost employment or housing,
those suffering from loneliness and despair;
that they may be granted the grace of endurance and hope,
and that God's love may flood their hearts,
we pray,

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: God of steadfast promise

All: Open us to your love.

Leader: In thankfulness we pray,
grateful for those who in Christ-like compassion
care for the ill and the elderly.
For those moments of unexpected grace that have blessed us,
we pray:

A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers or add them over in the chat box.

Leader: God of steadfast promise,

All: **Open us to your love.**

Leader: Lord, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: **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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Doxology: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Glory to God,

All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Departing Song: “Satan Your Kingdom Must Come Down”

(Blind Joe Taggart, arr. Robert Plant, D. Norman)

Satan, your kingdom must come down.

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Satan, your kingdom must come down.

I'm gonna pray 'til they tear your kingdom down.

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Satan, your kingdom must come down.

I'm gonna shout 'til they tear your kingdom down.

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Satan, your kingdom must come down.

Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

The Blessing: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: May God,
who made a covenant with Noah
keep us faithful to our promises.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May Christ,
who resisted temptation and want,
fill us with what we need for our journey.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into the wilderness,
show us the way to wholeness.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: And may the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier
be amongst you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: Today Jesus has proclaimed the good news of God.
Go in peace and believe in the good news.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Ministry Updates

Taizé Service at 7 PM

Taizé is a meditative form of worship, using music that highlights simple phrases sung in canon. Join in **tonight** through YouTube and Facebook at 7 PM. More details are available in the Friday, February 19 version of eNews.

All Creatures Great and Small

A joint project from the Pastoral Care Team and Creation Matters to keep us connected through the continuing lockdown. We hope it deepens our knowledge of one another through our relationships with our beloved creature friends inside and outside our homes. For example, why does Mister sit on the piano while Jill Daley plays? Is a guide dog a pet? Who are some of the other important creatures we glimpse in our fellow parishioners' Sunday Zoom boxes? This video series of interviews hopes to answer your questions and introduce you to many of our non-human companions over the coming weeks.

If you would like to receive links to the videos of these interviews, please email twilliams@theredeemer.ca.

Pre-Vestry Meetings

Our annual meeting will be held on Zoom at 1 PM on Sunday, February 28. We will be hosting a pre-Vestry meeting **this afternoon** at 1 PM on Zoom. These meetings give us a chance to see the budget ahead of the Vestry meeting and provide us with an opportunity to ask questions or share our comments.

A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021

Are you looking to undertake a fast during Lent that focuses on creation and issues related to the climate crisis? The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has produced A Fast for the Earth: Lent 2021 to provide a fast for each week of Lent: a meat fast, a consumption fast, a food waste fast, a water fast, an injustice fast, an electricity fast and an ignorance fast. May this [resource](#) be part of your Lenten observance.

If you are interested in a reflection group to support your participation in the fast, please [register](#) and we will contact you with further details.

Living our Questions: A Small-Group Experience with Fellow Seekers

Is there a "sticking point" in your experience of Christian community? It's easy to feel isolated with our sticking points, but we're not. Learning@Redeemer invites you to share the questions you live with in a safe, confidential circle of fellow seekers. A group of 10 to 12 participants will begin meeting shortly after Easter, with the special invitation to share your "sticking points." We'll start by sharing from the heart about our journeys. In our later meetings, we'll take up the topics that members most want to explore and take turns leading discussion on. More details are on our [website](#), and [registration](#) is open.

Too Deep For Words: Mid-day Prayer

Dear friends,

Since the world changed last March, I have been asked "how are you?" more times than I can count. The tone has been different than it was before the pandemic hit. What used to be a conversational mannerism, now seems to have greater significance. It is as though the questioner (often one of you) is asking me something more profound – because of this time of trial that we share. I have felt the depth of concern and caring when you have asked me how I am doing and I hope that you have felt the same when I have asked you. I always respond to the question by talking about my family, saying something like "Holly, Madeline, James, and I are fine – mostly because we have each other and we are surrounded by love." In a sense what we have discovered, as church, is that we all have

each other and we are all surrounded by love. As the conversation continues, I often tell you that I am praying for you.

Most of you know that I pray a version of morning prayer when I awake, and I recite Compline with Holly (and often the kids) right before we go to bed. At those times, between rising and sleeping, I am praying for you; bracketing my waking hours by thinking of the people I care about the most: our family. I often think of the quote from Romans above. Sometimes my prayers for you are not specific, but are more like “sighs too deep for words.” I may not know what’s going on in your life at that moment. I may not have spoken to you for some time. But I reach out with your name in my mind and a sigh in my heart and pray earnestly for God’s presence in your life. I believe that praying with sighs, or words (or in deeds done for others in kindness) changes us, make us more compassionate, and helps soothe our own anguish and anxiety – especially with all that we are going through. That is to say, I have come to realize that the practice of praying for you helps me as well.

I would like you to join me in learning to love one another more deeply through prayer. For those who want to share this Lenten Discipline with me, this is what I have in mind.

- I would like you to pause in the midst of your day and set aside 15 minutes to pray with me.
- We will begin on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday (excluding Sundays), praying the 40 days of Lent, together.
- We will meet on Zoom at 12:15 PM.
- The links and bulletins will be provided in advance in e-news.
- The service elements (Canticle, Collects, etc.) will follow a weekly rhythm.
- The Reading and Psalm will change each day.
- There will be a time to pray for what’s on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world.
- We will also pray for everyone on our parish list, by first name, over those forty days.

I hope you will join me in this discipline, or pray for me and those who also take this on. We will be praying for you. Please reach out to me with your thoughts, cares, or concerns. I would be pleased to hear from you.

Love,
Steven

Annual Diocese Black Heritage Service

The diocese's annual Black heritage service will be held through Zoom on **Sunday, February 28** at 4:30 PM. The theme, "God's People: Grounded in Faith, Filled with Hope, Called to Action," reflects the context of the Anglican Church's response to the issue of anti-Black racism and bias. A new feature of the celebration will be a moderated dialogue between Bishop Andrew Asbil, the Bishop of Toronto, and two young members of Black Anglicans of Canada, Aleshia Johnson and Brittany Hudson. The service, sponsored by Black Anglicans of Canada, will be on [Zoom](#) and streamed live on [YouTube](#).

Intercessions

In the prayers of the people each Sunday, space is left for members of the community to add a name or concern in chat. If you have people or situations that you would like included in the service but are not comfortable giving voice to them, there is a prayer request form on the website. These will be added to the intercessions in the appropriate petition. You can find the form [here](#).

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Each month a cycle of prayer is available [online](#). This resource provides the names of ministries from the Anglican Communion, the Indigenous cycle of prayer, the diocese and our community to hold in our prayers each day. In peace we pray. Lord, Hear our prayer.