



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
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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: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: O Holy One,

All: **We call to you and name you as eternal,**

ever-present, and boundless in love.

Yet there are times, O God,

when we fail to recognize you in the moment,

distracted as we are by unhealthy appetites and vain pursuits.

Sometimes shame clenches tightly around our hearts,

and we hide our true feelings.

Sometimes fear makes us small,

and we miss the chance to speak from our strength.

Sometimes doubt invades our hopefulness,

and we degrade our own wisdom.

Holy God, in the daily round from sunrise to sunset,

remind us again of your holy presence hovering near us and in us.

Free us from shame and self-doubt.

Help us to see you in the moment-by-moment possibilities

to live honestly, to act courageously,

and to speak from our convictions.

In your name we pray. Amen.

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.**

Opening Song: “Mercy O God” (*Francis O’Brien*)

Mer-cy O God, have mer-cy on us. Send down your mer-cy to set us free.

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Long is the journey and steep are the mountains,
come now and guide us, O gracious God.
Show us your face, give us hope for the journey;
Lead us to walk in your love.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: O God,
whose glory it is always to have mercy:
Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways,
and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith
to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word,
Jesus Christ your Son;
who with you and the Holy Spirit
lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *John Stevens*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. 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. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. 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.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 22: 22-30 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



An-nounce to peo - ples yet un-born: "God saves. God saves. God saves."

Give praise, you that fear God;
stand in awe, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For you, O God, do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is your face hidden from them;
but when they cry to you, you hear them. **Refrain**

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek you shall praise you:
"May your heart live for ever!" **Refrain**

O God, all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.
For sovereignty belongs to you, O God;
you rule over the nations.
To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before you.
My soul shall live for you; my descendants shall serve you;
they shall be known as yours for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that you have done. **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Sue Stevens*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

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, 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. 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.” 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Romans 4:13-25

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: “Lead Me Guide Me”

Lead me, guide me along the way
For if you lead me I cannot stray
Lord, just open mine eyes that I may see
Lead me, oh Lord, won't you lead 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.**

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

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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Mark 8:31-38

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

Incumbent’s Charge to Vestry: Steven Mackison

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “Ach Arme Welt” (*Johannes Brahms*)

Ach, arme Welt, du trügest mich,
ja, das bekenn’ ich eigentlich,
und kann dich doch nicht meiden.

Du falsche Welt, du bist nicht wahr,
dein Schein vergeht, das weiß ich zwar,
mit Weh’ und großem Leiden.

Dein’ Ehr’, dein Gut, du arme Welt,
im Tod, in rechten Nöten fehlt,
dein Schatz ist eitel falsches Geld,
dess hilf mir, Herr, zum Frieden.

Hymn: #468 (Common Praise) "To Abraham and Sarah"



1. To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear: "Go
2. From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race, de -
3. We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid can



forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair. You
pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace; and
jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid, re -



need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word that
in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word, "That
joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word, "That



you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."
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you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."

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1949). Music published by
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late Dr. Basil Harwood.

The Prayers of the People: *Doug Smith*

Leader: Let us pray:

God, we pray for the church:
may we always give you glory,
and put Satan behind us when we fall into evil.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: We pray for our world,

and for all those who lead us:
Elizabeth our Queen, Justin our Prime Minister,
Doug our Premier, John our Mayor,
Stacey, Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit.
Inspire in these and all in who lead,
justice, wisdom, and love.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: We pray for this community,
as we embark on our annual Vestry meeting.
May we execute our work with deep listening,
commitment, and care.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: In this time of pandemic and recession,
and in this season of winter,
we pray for the sick and suffering.
We now name them aloud, in the chat,
and in our hearts.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: We hold up to You
especially all who live outside,
and those who care for them.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: God, who made Abraham and Sarah joyful in their old age,
we pray for the dead.
May they rest easy in your covenant,
knowing they are counted in the multitude of the ages.

We name them now, aloud, in the chat, and in our hearts.

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

Leader: Dear God:

All: **May Your heart live forever.**

Leader: God, we thank You for the goodness down the ages You offered our ancestors, that You offer us, and that You have extended to those who will come after us. Guide us always in a good path, and soften the hardness of our hearts.

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.**

Concluding Hymn: #525 (Common Praise) "The Church's One Foundation"



1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we
2. Elect from every nation yet one o'er all the earth, our
3. Though with dismay and wonder we see the church oppressed, by
4. Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war, we
5. Yet we on earth have union with God the Three-in-One, and



are his new creation by water and the word: from
charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one
schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed: yet
wait the consummation of peace for evermore, till
mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O



heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride; with
glorious name we hallow, partake one holy food, and
saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And
with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blessed, and
happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like



his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.
to one hope we follow, with every grace endowed.
soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Text: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900), alt.
Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-

Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

The Blessing: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: May God,
who named Abram and Saria anew
keep us faithful to our identity.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May Christ,
who taught the disciples the meaning of sacrifice,
help us to let go of all that separates us from his love.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Holy Spirit,
who breathe the wisdom into the word,
keep our voices prophetic.

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: What then shall we say to all these things?

People: **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

Priest: Take up your cross, go in peace, follow Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Our thanks go out to all who contribute financially to the Redeemer community. Our ability to continue to offer outreach support through the Common Table and maintain our rich and varied worship and program life is possible thanks to the generous donations of parishioners and friends of the community. For health and safety reasons, we would appreciate your donations via the "Online Donation" link below, where you will be redirected to the gifts section of our Website. Thank you for your generosity.

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Ministry Updates

Compline at 8 PM

Compline is a Christian tradition of bedtime prayers. These traditional prayers unveil God's grace in all of our endings - the day's end, the week's end, and our last nightfall.

Join in through Zoom at 8 PM each Sunday night for about 20 minutes. The link can be found in each Friday's 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.

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

Join our Incumbent, Steven Mackison, for mid-day prayer beginning on Ash Wednesday and each day through Lent (except Sunday). We gather through [Zoom](#) at 12:15 PM to hear

scripture read and to pray for what's on our hearts and for the cares and concerns of the world. To learn more about this service, read Steven's letter [here](#).

Annual Diocese Black Heritage Service

The diocese's annual Black heritage service will be held through Zoom **this afternoon** 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.