



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 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,

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour,
confident that we will be delivered
to the place where forgiveness dwells.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,

too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name,

what our hearts can no longer bear,

and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

All: **Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image,
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.**

Kyrie – John Bell

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: *Stephen Allen*

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

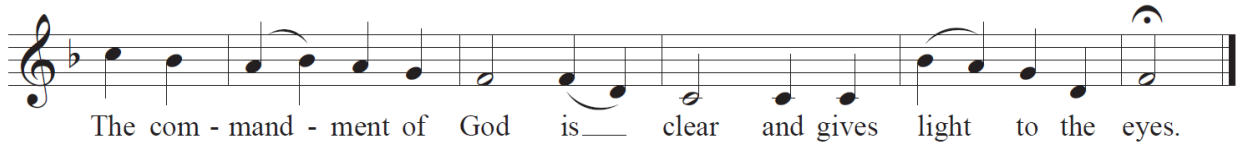
Exodus 20.1-17

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 19 (*George Black*)

Refrain:



The com - mand - ment of God is — clear and gives light to the eyes.

The heavens declare your glory, O God,
and the firmament shows your handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another. **Refrain**

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world. **Refrain**

In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat. **Refrain**

The law of God is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of our God is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of our God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear
and gives light to the eyes. **Refrain**

The fear of God is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of our God are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward. **Refrain**

How can I tell how often I offend?
cleanse me from my secret faults.
Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offence.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O God, my strength and my redeemer. **Refrain**

Second Reading: *Catherine Emerson*

Reader: A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Song: “The Window” (*Leonard Cohen*)

The Gospel: *Susan Haig*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 2.13-22

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

Homily: Ann Jarvis

We pause for music and meditation.

Meditation: “Ain’ a That Good News” (*arr. William Dawson*)

I got a crown up in-a that kingdom,
Ain' a that Good News!
I'm a-gonna lay down this world,
gonna shoulder up-a my cross.
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus,
Ain' a that Good News!

I got a harp up in-a that kingdom,
Ain' a that Good News!

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom,
Ain' a that Good News!

I got a Saviour in-a the kingdom,
Ain' a that Good News!

Hymn: #171 (Common Praise) "What Does the Lord Require"



1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice know?
3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the work - er toils,
4. How shall our life ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice, de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring? Do just-ly; love
Will God your plead-ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow? Do just-ly; love
think not to win God's aid, if greed your com-merce soils. Do just-ly; love
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy. Then just-ly, in



mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy; walk hum-bly with your God.
mer-cy, we'll

hum-bly walk with God.

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The Prayers of the People: *Richard Van Delft*

Leader: As we gather ourselves in prayer, we are reminded of the words of the psalmist, who echoes the words given to Moses in the ten commandments.

You are invited to offer your prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings in the silences and the chat box.

In the psalmist's words, your response to the bidding, 'The commandment of the Lord is clear' is 'and gives light to the eyes'

Leader: We pray for the Church:
We remember especially persecuted churches throughout the world, who adhere to a higher commandment,

rather than the commandments of their persecutors.

We pray for Linda, our Primate, Mark, our national Indigenous bishop, for Andrew, our Diocesan, Anne, our metropolitan, and Kevin, our area bishop. Endow them with wisdom and compassion in all that they do in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

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

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear.

All: **And gives us light to the eyes**

Leader: We pray for the world:

In particular, we pray for God's creation.

We pray for those who observe the holy sabbath, that it provides them the opportunity to give thanks for your goodness, to give rest to all who labour, and to provide restoration for all creation.

We pray especially for Justin, our Prime Minister, Doug, our Premier, John, our Mayor, and Stacey, Chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

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

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear.

All: **And gives light to the eyes.**

Leader: We pray for this community:

We remember especially the lonely, the hungry, the underemployed, and the homeless.

Be with our Catechumens and their leaders as they walk hand in hand in their journey of faith.

We pray for the ministry of this parish community.

Keep us faithful to the budget we have passed at Vestry, and the opportunity it creates for us to minister in a broken world.

Give us the passion that Jesus had in confronting the money changers.

Give us the courage to confront evil

and resist the temptation of apathy and indifference.

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

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear.

All: **And gives light to the eyes.**

Leader: We pray for all who are in need of care.

We give thanks for all who provide care, paid and unpaid, to those in need.
Please add your prayers for those who are sick.

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

Leader: We remember especially all those who live in anxiety,
awaiting medical procedures, test results, or vaccine delivery.

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

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear.

All: And gives light to the eyes.

Leader: We give thanks for the life
and witness of those who have died.

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

Let light perpetual shine upon them.
We ask for your guidance in comforting those who mourn,
that we may accompany them,
in their darkness, and in the light that follows.

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

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear.

All: And gives light to the eyes.

Leader: Finally, Lord,
we give thanks for all the blessings we have received from you:
for the change in seasons,
for advances in knowledge that have brought vaccines to the community,
for the ability to stay connected through new and old-fashioned technology,
for the twinkle in our eyes above our masks,
for the smiles that burst through those masks,
and for the muffled words of comfort
we offer and receive from behind those masks.
We thank you O God, for you are kind and good.
We offer these prayers in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

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,

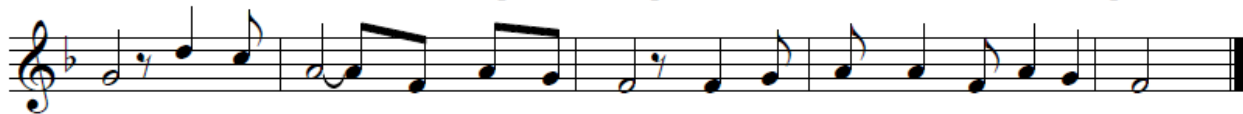
All: **whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

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

Departing Hymn: #545 (Common Praise) "We Lay Our Burden Down"



1. We will lay our bur - den down, we will lay our bur - den
2. We will light the flame of love, we will light the flame of
3. We will show both hurt and hope, we will show both hurt and
4. We will walk the path of peace, we will walk the path of



down, we will lay our bur - den down, in the hands of the ri - sen Lord.
love, we will light the flame of love, as the hands of the ris - en Lord.
hope, we will show both hurt and hope, like the hands of the ri - sen Lord.
peace, we will walk the path of peace, hand in hand with the ri - sen Lord.

Ministry Updates: *Steven Mackison*

The Blessing: *Steven Mackison*

Priest: May God of the covenant,
guide us in the way we should live.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May Christ,
who cleansed the temple,
prepare our hearts to receive God's grace.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
reveal God's will in our lives.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

The Dismissal: *Susan Haig*

Priest: For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing.

People: **But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.**

Priest: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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.

[Online Donation](#)

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.

Season of Creation 2021: In Earth's Life We Live

The Season of Creation 2021 planning team would like to invite suggestions for how to explore our theme: In Earth's Life We Live. Please submit ideas for learning, speakers, workshops, and community events as soon as possible to creationmatters@theredeemer.ca.

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](#).

A Day of Fasting and Prayer

The Ontario House of Bishops invite all to observe a day of fasting and prayer on the first anniversary of the declaration of the pandemic, **Thursday, March 11**. They say in their pastoral letter, "We invite you to 'stand together' with us and observe 3 minutes of silence at 11:35 AM on that day as we call to mind the loss, the pain, the grief, the resilience, the compassion, and the extraordinary sacrifices that have been hallmarks of the past year".

Their full letter is available [here](#).

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.