



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Land Acknowledgement

During the season of Lent, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins.

In this Holy time of Lent, we acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places that were home to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Holy One, help us to repent of all that we have done, and to make peace with those whom we have wronged, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

✠ The Penitential Rite

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray. Almighty God,

All: **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.**

Priest: Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Priest: 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.

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Most merciful God,

People: **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.**

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.**

Act of Penitence

The Priest and deacon move to the basin, pour the water into it, and the Priest blesses it,

The Asperges

During the Asperges, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

Kyrie eleison (*G.P. Palestrina*)

The Collect of the Day

Reading

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Please be seated

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Sequence Hymn: #393 (Gather) “Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley”

Please rise as you are able & sing

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
He had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
He had to walk it by himself.
2. We must walk this lonesome valley;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
We have to walk it by ourselves.
3. You must go and stand your trial;
You have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
You have to stand it by yourself.

The Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

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

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

Matthew 4.1-11

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

Incumbent's Charge to Vestry: Steven Mackison

Please be seated

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Please rise as you are able

The response to the prayers is as follows:

Leader: God who gave water in the wilderness,

All: **Grant us your living water.**

Healing/Anointing

The Peace

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation gathers around the altar. We form two concentric circles that flow around and through the chancel (altar area) and down the steps.

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Offertory Hymn: #565 (Common Praise) “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” *All sing*

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

The Prayer over the Gifts

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: *People:*



The Lord be with you. **And al-so with you.**



Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus: #217 (Sing a New Creation)

Cantor *All*



Ho-ly, ho- ly, ho-ly Lord, Ho-ly, ho- ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high- est.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the



high - est.

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During the prayer all respond as follows:

Priest: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim this truth:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again.**

At the end of the prayer all respond:

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: We break this bread,

***People:* Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Priest: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

***People:* If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

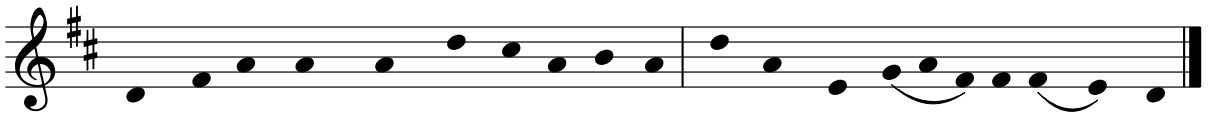
Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Lent Prose

All repeat the refrain, then sing as indicated

Refrain:



Hear us, O God, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sinned a-gainst you.

Cantor: To you, Redeemer, on your throne of glory: lift we our eyes in penitence and sorrow. Listen, O Jesus to our supplication. **Refrain**

Cantor: O Christ, chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father, way of salvation, gate of life eternal, cleanse us, your people, in your love and mercy. **Refrain**

Cantor: God, we implore you, in your glory seated, look with compassion on our deep affliction; heal and forgive us, God of grace and pity. **Refrain**

Cantor: Sins oft committed, now we lay before you: with true contrition, now no more we veil them. Grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. **Refrain**

Cantor: Innocent, captive, taken unresisting. falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced. Save us, we pray you, Jesus our Redeemer. **Refrain**

The Communion



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,
please let the communion minister know.
Please do not dip the bread in the wine.
If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

Communion Hymn: #179 (Common Praise) “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”*All sing*

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.
- 6b. From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.

Song: “Hear my prayer, give ear unto my cry” (*Antonin Dvorak*) ~ Psalm 61, Psalm 63

Prayer after Communion

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your son Jesus Christ.**

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements not in “Ministry Updates”

Closing Hymn: #145 (Sing a New Creation) “Tama ngakau marie/Son of God” *All sing*



1. Ta - ma nga - kau ma - ri - e, ta - ma a t'A - tu - a,
2. Take a - way our sin - ful - ness, e - vil that im - pris - ons us.
3. Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us.



te - nei to - nu ma - tou, a - ro - hai - na mai.
Free us from what trou - bles us; give our souls re - lease.
Gath - er us with - in your arms. Je - sus on this day.

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The Dismissal

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**