



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 AT 9 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

Susan Haig

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

Susan Haig

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.**

Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day

Susan Haig

Reading

Murray Bryant

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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"

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1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val-ley; He had to walk it by him - self. Oh,
2. We must walk this lone-some val-ley; We have to walk it by our - selves. Oh,
3. You must go and stand your tri-al; You have to stand it by your - self. Oh,



no-bod-y else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by him - self.
no-bod-y else can walk it for us; We have to walk it by our - selves.
no-bod-y else can stand it for you; You have to stand it by your - self.

Text: American Folk Hymn. Tune: LONESOME VALLEY; American folk hymn; harm. by Richard Proulx (1937-2010), © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

The Gospel

Steven Mackison

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

A moment of silence is observed

The Prayers of the People

Karen Turner

The response to the prayers is as follows:

Leader: God who gave water in the wilderness,

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

Healing

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If you would like to receive this ministry, please contact one of the priests present privately in the chat.

The Peace

Susan Haig

Hymn: #389 (Gather) "Return to God"

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Refrain:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy; come



seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.



1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal - va-tion; come and



learn now the way of our God.



2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with-in you, a heart of com-



- pas-sion and love.



3. If you break the chains of op-pres-sion, if you set the pris-'ner free;
If you share your bread with the hun - gry, give pro-tec-tion to the lost;
give a shel - ter to the home-less, clothe the na-ked in your



midst, then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

The Lord's Prayer

Susan Haig

The Giving and Receiving of Communion

Susan Haig

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.
You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

One: Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.
You wait for me and only I can let you in.
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

The Doxology

Susan Haig

Announcements not in “Ministry Updates”

Susan Haig

Closing Hymn: #564 (Common Praise) “Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us”

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1. Lead us, heaven-ly Fa-ther, lead us o'er the world's tem - pes-tuous sea;
2. Sav-iour, breathe for-give-ness o'er us; all our weak-ness thou dost know;
3. Spir - it of our God, de-scend-ing, fill our hearts with heaven-ly joy,



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
thou didst tread this earth be - fore us, thou didst feel its keen-est woe;
love with ev - ery pas-sion blend-ing, plea-sure that can nev - er cloy;



yet pos-sess-ing ev - ery bless-ing if our God our Fa - ther be.
lone and drea-ry, faint and wear-y, through the des-ert thou didst go.
thus pro-vid-ed, par-doned, guid-ed, noth - ing can our peace de-stroy.

The Dismissal

Steven Mackison

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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