

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 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

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- 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**

We have been wounded. Priest:

**People:** O God, heal us.

Priest: We stumble in the darkness.

**People:** Light of the world, transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home. Priest:

Spirit of God, dwell in us. People:

Priest: Eternal Spirit,

living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, People: have been, and shall be is known to you. In the very secret of our hearts you know all that rises to trouble us. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us; that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, Priest: confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

## Reading

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Genesis 12.1-4a A moment of silence is observed

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Abigail Young

**Kyrie** 



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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader:The Gospel of Christ.John 3.1-17All:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.John 3.1-17

Steven Mackison

Sylvia Keesmaat

The response to the prayers is as follows:

The Prayers of the People

*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.

Homily

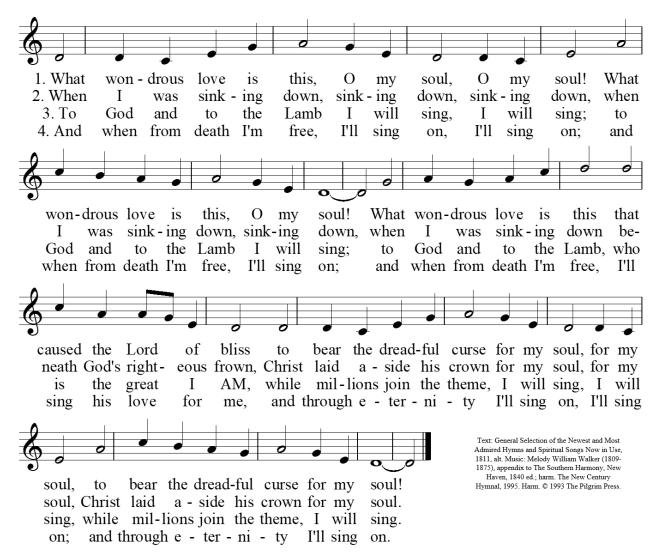
A moment of silence is observed

#### **The Peace**

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## Hymn: #400 (Common Praise) "What Wondrous Love is This"

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#### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### The Giving and Receiving of Communion

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

#### Announcements not in "Ministry Updates"

Closing Hymn: #128 (Sing a New Creation) "Jesus Christ is Waiting" Redeemer Music Team

1. Je-sus Christ is wait-ing, wait-ing in the streets; one is his neigh-bour, no 2. Je-sus Christ is rag-ing, rag-ing in the streets, where in - jus - tice spi - rals 3. Je-sus Christ is heal-ing, heal-ing in the streets, cur - ing those who suf - fer, 4. Je-sus Christ is danc-ing, danc-ing in the streets, where each sign of ha - tred in the streets, "Who will join my jour ney? 5. Je-sus Christ is call-ing, call-ing 0 0 Lis-ten, Lord all lone he eats. Je-sus. I lone - ly a am too. Lis-ten, Lord Ι Je-sus. and real hope re - treats. am an - gry too. touch-ing greets. Lis-ten, Lord have those he Je-sus, Ι pit - y too. de - feats. Lis-ten, Lord I should tri-umph too. he. with love. Je-sus. guide their feet." Lis-ten, Lord my fears be will I Je-sus. few. let Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1984. Music: Melody French trad., harm. John L. Bell. Text and harm. © 1988 WGRG c/o Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. Make me, friend or stran - ger, fit to wait on you. the King-dom's caus - es, rage with you. In let me Let my care ac - tive, heal-ing just like you. be sus - pi - cion's grave-yard, let me dance with you. On Walk one step be - fore me; fol - low you. I will

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#### The Dismissal

## *Priest:* Go forth in the name of Christ.*People:* Thanks be to God.

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