

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## 28 February 2021



*The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.  
(Psalm 51.18)*

If you are joining us online for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to you and invite you to join in our worship by saying or singing the words printed in **bold**.

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### **WELCOME:**

### **OPENING HYMN:**

### **WADE IN THE WATER**

African-American Spiritual

#### **Refrain:**

*Wade in the water*

*Wade in the water*

*Children wade in the water*

*God's gonna trouble the water*

### **SIYAHUMBA**

African Song

## **GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON:**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.** (said twice)

## **THE COLLECT FOR PURITY:**

Almighty God,

**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; though Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

**Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **FIRST READING:**

### **GENESIS 17: 1-7, 15-16**

*Read by Joanne Redhead.*

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, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And 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.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her. (ESV)  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:      #22: 23-31**

**HYMN BEFORE AND AFTER:      BLESS THE LORD, OH MY SOUL**      Andre Crouch

**Refrain:**

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless his holy name.*

**He has done great things  
He has done great things  
Bless his holy name.    R**

**You who fear the LORD, praise him!  
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,  
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!  
For he has not despised or abhorred  
the affliction of the afflicted,  
and he has not hidden his face from him,  
but has heard, when he cried to him**

**From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.  
The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live forever!**

**All the ends of the earth shall remember  
and turn to the LORD,  
and all the families of the nations  
shall worship before you.  
For kingship belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

**All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;**

**before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
even the one who could not keep himself alive.  
Posterity shall serve him;  
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;  
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,  
that he has done it. (ESV)**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 4: 13-25**

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For 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 there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring, not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 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. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. (ESV)

**GRADUAL HYMN: CARIBBEAN MEDLEY**

Donnie McClurkin

**I’ve got my mind made up, I won’t look back  
Because I want to see my Jesus someday  
I’ve got my mind made up, I won’t look back  
Because I want to see my Jesus someday  
  
Goodbye world, I stay no longer with you  
Goodbye pleasures of sin, I stay no longer with you.  
I’ve made up my mind to go God’s way the rest of my life  
I’ve made up my mind to go God’s way the rest of my life**

**Born, born, born again thank God, I'm born again x2**

**Born of the water, spirit and the blood, thank God I'm born again x2**

**Jesus came so sweet, Emanuel came so sweet x2**

**Every rock, me rock upon Jesus, Jesus' name so sweet x2**

**I've got my mind made up and I won't turn back**

**Because I want to see my Jesus someday**

**I've got my mind made up, I won't look back**

**Because I want to see my Jesus someday**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

**MARK 8: 31-38**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

And [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." (ESV)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**GRADUAL HYMN:**

**THE SERMON:**

**THE MOST REV. LINDA NICHOLLS  
PRIMATE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED:**

**I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **INTERCESSIONS:**

*Led by Diane Allengame.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Noble family, in loving memory of  
Helen and Henry Noble.*

## **THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *(cf Romans 5.8)*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

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. Amen.

## **THE PEACE:**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.** *(cf Ephesians 2.15,16)*

**OFFERTORY:        PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND**

Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near:  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**Blessed are you, LORD God of Israel, forever and ever. All that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**  
*(1 Chron. 29:10, 11, 14)*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**  
**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest,**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.  
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
His life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,



and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG):**

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

We break this bread,

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

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

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

The gifts of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

### **AGNES DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

*If you would like to receive Communion, please 1) **wait for the usher** and follow his/her direction. 2) **Come forward and stop at the blue line.** If you require a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the priest by patting your stomach. Wait for the priest to say, 'The Body of Christ...' 3) **Then step forward**, cup your hands, and extend your arms. **The priest will place a wafer in your hands using tongs.** 4) **Then move to your left and stand on the blue cross.** While facing forward, pull your mask to the side and **eat the wafer.** 5) **Put your mask on again and immediately sanitize your hands before returning to your pew.***

*If you prefer a blessing instead of the bread, please cross your arms over your chest while standing at the blue line.*

### **HYMN:**

### **STEAL AWAY/AMAZING GRACE**

**Refrain:**

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!*

*Steal away, steal away home.*

*I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, He calls me,  
He calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within my soul:  
I ain't got long to stay here. R

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,  
My God, my Saviour ransomed me,  
And like a flood, his mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.

### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(Please stand)*

Glory to God, 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.

### **THE BLESSING:**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **CLOSING HYMN:**

### **LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**

Black National Anthem

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died,  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou hast by thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**DISMISSAL:**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Heartfelt thanks to Paul Taylor for his contribution to our service today.**

**Please join us immediately following the service for Zoom Coffee Hour with  
Archbishop Linda.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

**Those in Need:** Barb, Shireen & Irik, Anne, June, Marjorie, Muriel, Lois, Pam, Ross & Joan, Stan & Edna, Laurie, Caleigh, Rachael, Carey, Liz, Paul.

**Our Deanery:**

**Our Parish:** Steve & Jane Smith, Ruth Sowrey & Joe Campbell, Lois Taylor and their families.

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