

Sunday, February 21, 2021: 1st Sunday in Lent

*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word   
that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)*



**Opening Song: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now***

Lord Jesus Christ be present now

Our hearts in true devotion bow

Thy Spirit send with grace divine

And let Thy truth in us shine

Within us shine

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise

Our souls to Thee in worship raise

Make strong our faith, increase our light

That we may know Thy name aright

Thy name aright

**Penitential Rite**

Leader: 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.

*Silence is Kept*

**All:** **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.**

Leader: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.

**All:Amen.**

**Morning Prayer**

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

**All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

**All: O Lord, make haste to help us. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

**All: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

**The Reading of Scripture**

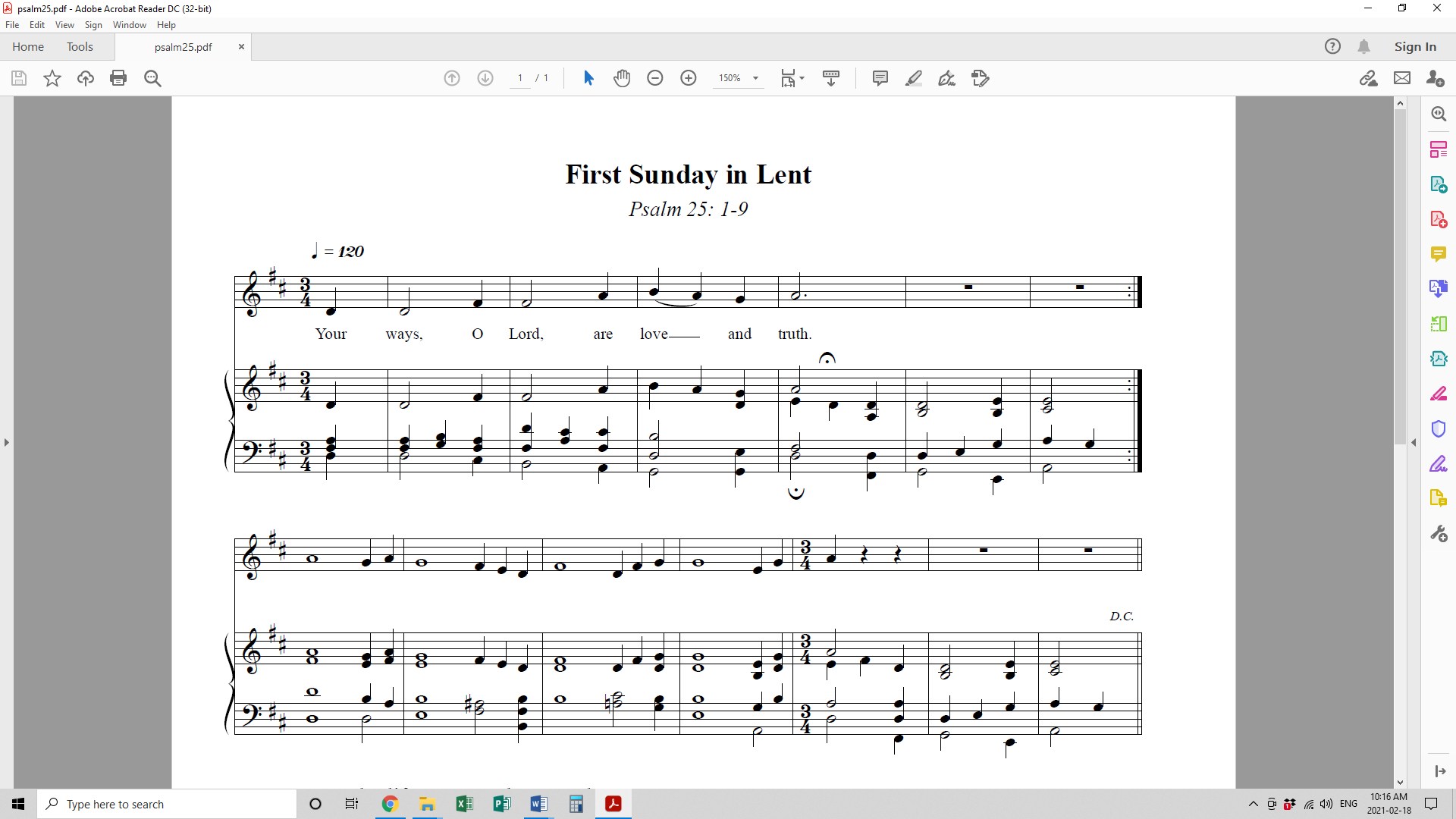
First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

*Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

Canticle: Psalm 25:1-10



**Refrain:**

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.* ***Refrain***

*Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.* ***Refrain***

*Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love, and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.* ***Refrain***

*Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore, he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.* ***Refrain***

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you--not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

**Processional Chorus – *Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

Much we need Thy tender care

In Thy pleasant pastures feed us

For our use Thy folds prepare

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus

Thou hast brought us, Thine we are

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus

Thou hast brought us, Thine we are

**The Gospel Reading**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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

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

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15

*In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."*

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Worship Through Song**

***Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us

Be the guardian of our way

Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us

Seek us when we go astray

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus

Hear, O hear us when we pray

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus

Hear, O hear us when we pray

***If Ye Love Me***

If ye love me, keep my commandments

And I will pray the Father

And He shall give you

Another Comforter

That He may ‘bide with you forever

Ev’n the Sp’rit of truth

***Bless the Lord***  
(*Chorus*) Bless the Lord, my soul

And bless God’s holy name

Bless the Lord, my soul

Who leads me into life

It is God who forgives all your guilt

Who heals every one of your ills

Who redeems your life from the grave

Who crowns you

With love and compassion (*To Chorus*)

The Lord is compassion and love

Slow to anger and rich in mercy

God does not treat us

According to our sins

Nor repay us according to our faults

(*To Chorus*)

As a Father has compassion

On his children

The Lord has pity on those who fear him

For God knows of what we are made

God remembers that we are dust

(*To Chorus*)

**Listening Time**

**Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Myron Penner – Sermon Notes:**

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**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed**

**All: 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. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.” For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Remembering today those in our St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer: Scott Morgan, Adele Bossé-Morgan, and Jordan, Paige, Jenna, and Kaitlin; RJ and Janette Chambers; Barb Dixon; and Angela Sutton; as well as all of those in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**The Collect**

Leader: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Congregational Announcements *(Rev. Myron)***

**Closing Song: *Living Lord of Love’s Dominion***

Living Lord of Love’s dominion

Sovereign Savior, bless your church

Call us still as your disciples

Loving, serving, while we search

Gathered: feed our deepest being

Prophet’s truth and godly nerve

Scattered let our lives’ fruition

Nourish others while we serve

Visit towns and inner cities

Penetrate our steel and stone

With a love that melts our coldness

Making mission here our own

We will seek you, Love transfigured

In our neighbour’s need until

Deep within our daily service

Love draws forth our upmost skill

With your bread, your wine, your Spirit

Nurture us for your intent

Let your will be our vocation

lived as song and sacrament

May compassion lead to service

Till we join the saints above

Grant us hope for each tomorrow

Fill our faith with vibrant love

**The Dismissal**Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**No In-Person Services at St. Paul’s until Further Notice**

Following the Government of Alberta declaring a state of public health emergency, along with stricter, mandatory measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, Bishop Jane has made the decision to keep church buildings in the Diocese closed until further notice.We will provide additional information regarding re-opening when it is available.

**Community Corner for February 21**

Although our restrictions have relaxed a little, it can be hard to think of what there is to do in Edmonton to get your wonder and awe activated in this season. For ideas, please visit <https://www.travelalberta.com/ca/articles/2020/12/how-to-safely-get-outside-in-edmonton-this-winter/> where there is an interesting list of possibilities for outdoor activities to do on your own or in a small group.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who joined in for our Silly Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday. There were fun wigs, hats and boas, lots of laughs and wonderful activities together! Blessings on all the hands that prepared the food - and there were so many this time! It was a lot of fun.

**Giving Options At This Time**

* E-transfer: E-transfers may be emailed to office@stpauls-anglican.ca.
* Credit Transaction (one time or monthly): If you would like to set up a one-time or monthly credit gift, please email the office and RJ will send you the correct form.
* Pre-Authorized Debit (one time or monthly): If you would like to set up a one-time or monthly pre-authorized debit giving, please email the office and RJ will send you the correct form.
* Cash or Cheque: Cash can be dropped off at the church. Please check in with RJ or Myron before coming to make sure we are onsite. Cheques can be left in the church mailbox, dropped off during open hours, or mailed to the church office at any time. Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.

**Lenten Series with Dr. Douglas Harink – Tuesday Evenings During Lent**

The theme of justice pervades the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. But readers frequently miss a key source, a writing in which justice is actually the central concern: **the book of Romans**. Please join Rev. Myron Penner as he hosts Dr. Douglas Harink for a series of discussions during the season of Lent. This series more or less follows the text of Romans, aiming to help readers trace the theme of justice throughout Paul’s letter. Each discussion will be live streamed on the St. Paul’s YouTube channel on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM (starting Feb. 23). An outline of the talks indicating which sections of Romans to read before each session is available on the St. Paul’s website on the Events page. Visit the Events page and click on the *Resurrecting Justice Talks* event for all of the information you will need to join the discussion.

**Lent Exercise: Examen of Consciousness**

During the season of Lent, Rev. Myron will lead the Lenten Exercise *Examen of Consciousness.* This is basically a daily habit of praying through our day and looking for how God shows up in our daily life. As part of this formation activity, Rev. Myron will lead a Zoom call with all the participants Sunday afternoons at 4:00PM for 1 hour to debrief together from the week, and to pray together. Please let RJ know if you would like to participate as we may send out occasional emails to those involved.   
Zoom details are below:

Meeting ID: 894 0123 5973

Passcode: 515058



**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Diocese of Niagara: the Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop. St. Matthew, St. Albert: Lee Bezanson (s. Bernadine), Rector. Buyé Diocese Bible School: Daniel Bizimana, Director; Alfred Uwimanihaye, Teacher.   
Cold Lake First Nations.

**Next Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Andrew and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Andrew and Team

**This Week’s Ministry Teams:**

Music: Jodi and Team

Service Team: None

Reader/Prayers: Jodi’s Team

**St. Paul’s Cycle of Prayer:**

Scott Morgan, Adele Bossé-Morgan, and Jordan, Paige, Jenna, and Kaitlin;

RJ and Janette Chambers;

Barb Dixon;

Angela Sutton

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