

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions  
Second Sunday of Lent - February 28, 2021**

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

**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.**

**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.**

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

**God, My Hope on You is Founded**

**God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew:  
through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.  
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown, betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.  
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.**

**Daily does the Almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
God's desire for us delights us, pleasure leads us where we go.  
Here at hand, love takes stand, joy awaits God's sure command.**

**God's great goodness lasts for ever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.  
Evermore from God's store newborn worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising for the gifts of Christ the Son.  
Christ, you call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.**

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**The Proclamation of the Word  
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

***Psalm 22:22-30***

**22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \***

**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

**23 For his does not despise nor abhor the poor in the poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; \***

**but when they cry to him he hears them.**

**24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;\***

**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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.

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

### Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

### You Call Us Lord, To Be

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,

to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,

to take the risk and dare to show what love can do.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;

to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to know we best receive when joyfully we give.

Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

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### Prayers (see litany below)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, front line workers who continue to serve in the midst of this pandemic, the homeless and those who care for them, our sister congregations in the Deanery of Temiskaming and our Archbishop Anne as we walk this difficult road together.

### 14 Lent

(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.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

#### The Collect of the day

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Lord's prayer

##### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the Cross forsake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love along my way,  
from the Cross the radiance streaming adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the Cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

#### A Lenten Blessing

May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

#### Dismissal

*Then may be said or sung,*

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God!

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