

**ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH NANAIMO**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM**  
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Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD – 10:30 LIVESTREAM SERVICE

*This liturgy is based on the  
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Presider/Preacher: The Ven. Clara Plamondon

Organist: Freeman Dryden

Videographer: Charles Harman

#### OPENING HYMN: CP 431

Take up Thy Cross the Saviour Said

1. Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.

4. Take up your cross,  
then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave;  
'twill guide you to a better home,  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

2. Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart,  
and nerve your arm.

5. Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

#### WELCOME:

#### GATHERING:

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. (*Galatians 6.14*)

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.**

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. **Amen.**

#### **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 STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 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 he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their 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 turn 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.**

**CANTICLE:** Song of Zechariah (BAS pg 88)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \* born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \* from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.**

**GOSPEL:**       Mark 8:31-38

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SERMON:**

*The Ven. Clara Plamondon*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – LENTEN CREED:**

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,  
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,  
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God  
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,  
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,  
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,  
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.**

— from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*Prepared by Sue Gueulette*

As we mark the second Sunday in Lent, let us join in prayer with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The response to the petition “Let us pray to the Lord” is Lord hear our prayer.

For the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all; let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer. For our bishops and clergy, remembering especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Linda, our Primate; Mark, our indigenous Archbishop; Melissa, our Metropolitan; Anna, our Bishop, and in our parish, Clara our Rector, Lynn our Deacon; and Bob and Cathie, our honorary assistants, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer For all the nations where there is political strife and unrest, especially remembering the people of Myanmar, and for areas where there is starvation and homelessness, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this city of Nanaimo, especially for our Mayor and Council. for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all those suffering because of the COVID 19 pandemic: for those who have the virus; those who have died and their grieving families; the frontline workers who care for the victims; those who have lost their livelihoods; and all who are affected in any way. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For those who have asked us to pray for them, remembering especially those listed in our bulletin, and if there be any others you would like to remember, please do so now. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

For all who have died, and their families who mourn, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer**

Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and has promised through your well beloved Son that whenever two or three are gathered in your name, you will hear their requests. Fulfill now our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world, knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come, eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

With gratitude for the gifts that are offered to the glory of God and for our ongoing ministry in our community, let us pray:

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

**BLESSING:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**DISMISSAL:**

We go from here with the cross on our hearts.

**We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world.**

**CLOSING HYMN: CP 537**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more lustre to the day.

5. 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.