SUNDAY MARCH 07, 2021 – LENT 3

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. Each petition will end with the words "Lord in your mercy" and you are invited to respond with "Hear our prayer".

[pause]

Thank you gracious Lord, for your dear Son. Thank you for making him your living Temple. Thank you for making him our eternal "house of prayer". Give us faith to pray together, lifting before you the concerns on our hearts.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. In our Anglican and Lutheran cycle of prayer, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod. The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. In our Huronia prayer cycle, we pray for Reverend Martin Geibel and the people and ministries of St. Mark's Anglican Lutheran Church Midland. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honour your name.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. In our parish cycle of prayer we remember this week – Clayton, Nancy, Ethan and Elisabeth Hannah; Pam and Mike Harrington; Russell, Robyn, Peggy, Shawn and Dale Hause; Cindy Hindley. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

You are the strength of all who suffer and the joy of all who are sorrowful. Be present with your merciful care to all whose need is great. – Especially we pray for: George Anderson and family; Nathan and his family; Cathy O'Connor and her companion Ekko; Joseph Signorella and family; Pat & Garry Grayston; and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts **[pause]**. Give them, and all who love and care for them, grace to trust in Christ Jesus.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

Gracious God, we entrust into your merciful care all our departed loved ones. Especially we remember Jim Fee. Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. **[pause].** Comfort all who grieve, especially send your healing grace upon Doreen Laurie and all Jim's family. Keep our feet in the path of your commandments; our hearts firmly fixed on your forgiving love; and our eyes forever focused on the Cross of Christ Jesus, until you bring us safely into your welcoming embrace and eternal home.

Lord in your mercy **"Hear our prayer."**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, gracious God, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever.
Amen.