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READINGS

Sunday Mar 14/21

Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10
John 3: 14-21

Sunday Mar21/20

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Psalm 51: 1-12
Hebrews 5: 5-10
John 12: 20-33

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday March 14, 2021

WELCOME and GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Presider: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

People: Amen.

Presider: God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
[pause]

People: Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Presider: Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

People: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Brent Mayhew & Angela Lipp

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

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray together, the prayer of the day

People: O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

STORY

Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9

Anne Ewaschuk

ACCLAMATION HYMN

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.
John 3: 14-21

Presider: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

ACCLAMATION HYMN

RESPONDING

Homily: Pastor Ann Krueger
Westside Lutheran Church, Barrie

HYMN OF THE DAY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Presider: Let us together confess our faith as we say:

People: We are not alone; we live in God's World.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating; who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. Through the waters of baptism, we are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in creation; to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil; and to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Hear us, O God,

People: Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY HYMN

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Presider: Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us on our journey, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

People: Amen.

Presider: And now as our Saviour taught us, let us pray saying:

People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Presider: Glory to God,

People: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Presider: You are what God made you to be; created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbour. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

People: Amen.

NEWS AND EVENTS

SENDING HYMN

Presider: Go in peace. Share the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

Ainsley Munro

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

NUMBERS 21: 4-9

Though God provides food and water for the Israelites in the wilderness, they whine and grumble. They forget about the salvation they experienced in the exodus. God punishes them for their sin, but when they repent God also provides a means of healing: a bronze serpent lifted up on a pole.

PSALM 107: 1-3, 17-22

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107: 19)

EPHESIANS 2: 1-10

While we were dead in our sinfulness, God acted to make us alive as a gift of grace in Christ Jesus. We are saved not by what we do but by grace through faith. Thus our good works are really a reflection of God's grace at work in our lives.

JOHN 3: 14-21

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

Sunday March 14, 2021

GATHERING HYMN

AMAZING GRACE – red book # 779

Verse 1

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.

Verse 4

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Verse 5

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

OPEN OUR EYES LORD – purple book # 229

Vs 1 before gospel and vs 2 after

Verse 1

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Verse 2

Open our hearts, Lord, we want you to dwell there,
to lead us and guide us, Your temple inside us.
Open our hands, Lord, and help us to serve you,
open our hearts, Lord, we want you to dwell there.

Verse 1 - Bob Cull

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HYMN OF THE DAY

GOD LOVED THE WORLD – red book # 323

Verse 1

God loved the world so that he gave
his only Son the lost to save,
that all who would in him believe
should everlasting life receive.

Verse 2

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death;
all who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.

Verse 3

If you are ill, if death draws near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;
that is the firmest ground of faith.

Verse 5

All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise now and eternally!

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OFFERTORY

CHANGE MY HEART O GOD– red book # 801

Chorus

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

Verse 1

You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Chorus

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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SENDING

FOR BY GRACE – red book # 598

Verse 1

For by grace you have been saved
and even faith is not your own,
it's the gift of God for you and not the works that you have done.
Don't let anybody boast, for this is God's great gift.
Amen.

Verse 2

"So my grace is all sufficient for each child who is my own,
for my strength is now made perfect
for each child who is my own.
When you're weak, then you are strong,
for this is God's great gift." Amen

Verse 3

So this weakness with contentment I'll accept now in myself,
all my hardships, pains, and griefs that still lie deep within myself.
When I'm weak, then I am strong, for this is God's great gift.
Amen. Amen.

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