



**Order of Service for March 5, 2023**  
**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Holy Eucharist**  
**9:30 am**  
**Officiating: the Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles**  
**Assisting: the Rev'd Betty Nadurak**



## A New Persona

*So, If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things come into being! 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*Prayer is such a radical act because it asks us to criticize our whole way of being in the world, to laydown our old selves, and to accept our new self, which is Christ.*

(Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Peacework*, 41)

**Our focus this week is on “Living for Jesus.”** Years after college, one of my daughters admitted that she was rather lonely in high school with few friends. But college gave her a new lease on life. She said she developed a new persona, a new sense of being and belonging. With some new and enduring friendships, she said she felt like a new person — a whole person.

**St. Paul says that when we, by God’s transforming power, live in Christ, with Christ and for Christ, we are a new person.** Our old corrupt human nature has been removed **through Christ’s righteousness.** Of course, there is still plenty of evidence of the old, sinful nature. But our Heavenly Father sees only the person of his Son, who takes our guilty stains away.

With our new persona, we are a whole person, with a new lease on life. And we have a new purpose in life — **to be “little Christs” to those whose lives we touch, helping to give to those who are feeling lost or lonely a new sense of belonging through our kindness and acceptance.**

*Lord of life, use me to help others find a new lease on life and a new purpose in living, as new creations in Christ. Amen.*

# Service of Holy Eucharist

## The Gathering of the Community

**Pre-Service Music:** Red Songbook (RSB) #300 The River  
(Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

**Processional Hymn:** Common Praise (Blue Book—CP)  
# 602 Lift High the Cross (screens)

**Greeting:** BAS, p. 230 (Book of Alternative Services - Green Book) (screens)

**Collect for Purity** (screens)

**The Summary of the Law** (screens)

**Trisagion x3** (screens)

**Collect of the Day** (screens)

**Children's Talk**

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

GENESIS 12:1-4A

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Psalms 121** p. 882 (screens)

### The Second Reading

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into exist-

ence the things that do not exist.

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

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

**Gradual Hymn:** CP # 371 To God Be the Glory  
(screens)

### The Holy Gospel

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with thy spirit.*

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People:** *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

JOHN 3:1-17

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** *Praise to thee, O Christ.*

### Homily

**Apostles' Creed** (screens)

### The Prayers of the People

(Please sit or kneel for the prayers.)

**St David's Litany** (screens)

**Confession and Absolution** (screens)

**The Peace** (screens)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

**Offertory** CP # 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift  
(For ways to give please see our website)

**Prayer over the Gifts** (screens)

**Eucharistic Prayer A:** p. 241 (screens)

**The Lord's Prayer** (screens)

**The Breaking of the Bread:** p. 246 (screens)

**The Communion** (screens)

**Agnus Dei** p. 247 (screens)

**Communion Hymns:** (screens) RSB # 18 As the Deer; RSB # 38 Blessed are You Lord; RSB # 80 Freely, Freely

**Hymn after Communion** (Please stand.): CP # 423 How Great Thou Art (screens)

**Prayer after Communion** (screens)

**Blessing**

**Announcements** (screens)

**Closing Hymn:** RSB # 140 I Believe in Jesus (screens)

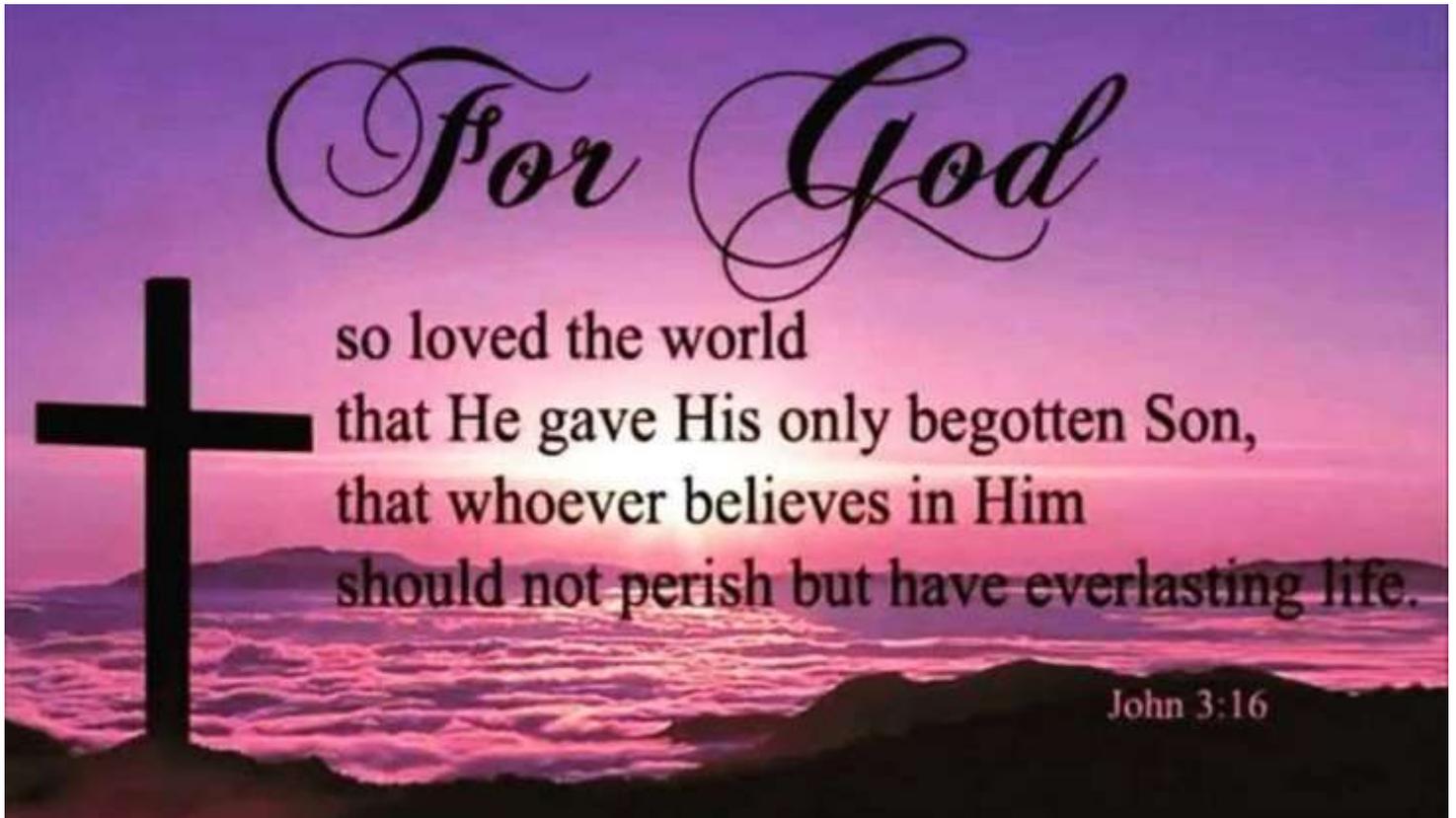
**Sending** (screens)

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in-person in the Hall; and/or at 11:45, online via Zoom. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZdUZ4MjFHWFdQdz09>. We'd love to share these times of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partaking during the Service, a written copy of the "Prayer for Communion" is available on our website in the same location as this Order of Service.

### Traditional Land Acknowledgement

**Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.**



## **Prayers for this Week**

*(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)*

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the ***Province of South East Asia***.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for the ***dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for our parish of ***The Mission of St. Magloire, Drumheller All Saints, Oyen and St. John the Baptist, New Brigiden***; and the incumbent of All Saints ***Catherine Holland***.

**We lift to you** our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***Lisa; Matthew; Steven and Claire; Raoul, Alyson, Maya and Theo***; and for our clergy ***Fergus Tyson, Norman Knowles, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes, and their families***.

**We pray for our foster child** Desta Keweti.

**Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you ***the family of Joy (Abby's sister); Herb & the family of Debbie; Antony; Judy; Roger and Helen (parents of Paul); Dinah; Bill; the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); Bill & Pat; Sean, Shannon, & Steve; Irma (mother of Rick); the family of Bob; the family of Carmen and Sonny; Shelly; John; Gerald; Brian; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother); Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian); the family of Anne; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin); Chris; Jo; Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Robert; Janet; Irma & Cyril; Julia; the Herritt family; Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick; the family of Tom; Sandra; Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline); the family of Dorothy; the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella ); Max; the family of Becky; Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla; the family of Kathy; the family of Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne); Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn); Dennis; Mike; the family of Val; Alyssa (granddaughter of Betty), Martin; Chinazor; the family of Sheila; Sheila; the family of Linda; Melissa and her family; Adrianna; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim); the family of Douglas; Michelle; the family of Ian; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila); Gwen; Jacquie; the family of Gwendoline; Jackie (cousin of Julie); Ellen; Pauline; Tucker (M'Laurel & Scott's child); Monika (mother of Dennis); Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne); King Charles & all the Royal Family; Trudy (cousin of Iona); Veronica (sister Of Cec); Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Ken; Marlene; the family of James (father of Allison); the family of Ginny; and Cindee (sister of Rick)***.

**We pray for containment of COVID-19 worldwide; actions guided by the safety of others; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill. We also pray especially that our healthcare workers and healthcare system will not be overwhelmed by the number of cases of the virus. And we pray especially for all in our Parish who are sick with this virus. Please enable us to support them in any way they need.**

**We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil** by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

**We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.**

**We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, and for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's precious children.**

**We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for the over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be.** We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

**We thank you** for your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



***The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Deacon Betty in memory of her husband John.***