



## The Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021

### Welcome

Minister 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)*

Prayer Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Hymn **Blessed Assurance**

### Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister Most merciful God,

**All 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.**

Minister Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

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 Psalm: 22.22-30**

<sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**<sup>23</sup> 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.**

<sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

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

<sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**<sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord;  
he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

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

<sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Hymn            Take Up Your Cross**

**The Reading: Mark 8.31-38**

Reader            A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who

lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

**All               Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Abraham Thomas

### **Listening in Lent**

#### *Questions for Reflection*

- *What stands out to you from the bible readings and/or sermon?*
- *What questions arise?*
- *What might God be saying to you or to us?*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**All               I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day  
he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at  
the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Offertory** - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

Prayer over the Gifts   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.**

### **The Prayers**

Minister       The Lord be with you.

**All               And also with you.**

Minister       Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All               Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister       Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All**            **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 them that 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.**

Minister        Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**People**        **Govern and uphold us now and always.**

Minister        Day by day we bless you;  
**People**        **We praise your name forever.**

Minister        Lord, keep us from sin today;  
**People**        **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Minister        Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**People**        **For we put our trust in you.**

Minister        In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**People**        **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Leader         God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably upon your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of your perpetual providence carry out the work of humanity's salvation; that things which were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through him by whom all things were made, even your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader         Almighty God, you created us in your own image: Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against the evils of racism, white supremacy, and heartless indifference, and to make no peace with oppression; help us to use our freedom rightly in the establishment of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Leader         O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, enlighten the minds of your people more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel. Bring erring souls to the knowledge of God our Saviour; and those who are walking in the way of life, keep steadfast unto the end. We pray for our Alpha experience and give thanks for our Holy Spirit Day held yesterday.. Increase in us all your many gifts of grace, and make us all to be fruitful in good works; O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together we worship and glorify, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Leader         O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted. We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Ed, Shirley, John, Amini, Ivy, Jackie, Leila, Alicia, Carol, Anjanette, and Mother Joyce... We pray for the family and friends of Norma Achong as they mourn her loss. And now in a moment of silence we lift up before you all those in our hearts who need your loving care... **Amen.**

Leader         Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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#### **In our prayers this week:**

##### **The Anglican Communion**

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

##### **The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. John Organ, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the  
Diocese of Western Newfoundland

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian, Huronia and Bay Areas of the Eastern Synod

##### **Diocese of Toronto**

Bishop Jenny Andison

##### **Social Justice and Advocacy Committee**

The clergy and people of the Church of the Nativity and the Church of Our Saviour  
and their outreach activities and for the Mission to Seafarers.

##### **The Church of St Mary and St Martha**

In our parish cycle: Coria Findley; Jean Forde; Ouida Forde; Aldona and John Fosu  
Celebrating a birthday: Mark Barnes

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