



**The Third Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2021**

**Welcome**

Minister God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *(John 3.16)*

Prayer Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. **Amen.**

**Hymn      The Church's One Foundation**

**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.

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Psalm: #19**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**<sup>2</sup> One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup> Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

**<sup>4</sup> Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

<sup>5</sup> In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**<sup>6</sup> It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**<sup>8</sup> The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup> The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup> By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**<sup>12</sup> Who can tell how often he offends?  
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup> Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**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**

**The Reading: John 2.13-22**

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

<sup>13</sup> The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn Christ is Made the Sure Foundation**

**Sermon**

Mark Regis

**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 Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. **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 Holy God, the navigator of our souls, hear us as we hold up before you our annual Vestry. Be with us in our yearning to chart a course together, inspired by the presence of your Spirit. Give courage to our clergy, all of our leaders, and each of us, as we move forward with your blessing. For all we do, we do to your glory, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Leader Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your church of St. Mary and St. Martha. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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. 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... 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**

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod

#### **Diocese of Toronto**

Bishop Andrew Asbil

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

The clergy and people of the Parish of Penetanguishene and Wabushene; the Church of the Redeemer; the Church of the Resurrection and their outreach activities..

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

In our parish cycle: Leila Francis and family; Barbara Franklin; Keithley and Bradley French  
Celebrating a birthday: Dianne Izzard; Joyce Greenaway

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