



St. George's, Cadboro Bay

10AM Order of Worship – Sunday, March 14, 2021 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Canon Jeannine Friesen

Welcome

Call to Worship:

Presider: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

Congregation: **God's steadfast love endures forever**

-From "Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, liturgies for Year B, Vol. 1

Collect of the Day (Canon Jeannine)

Gracious God,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

-Book of Alternative Services

Opening Hymn – CP#621 *Before the World Began*

Before the world began, one Word was there;
Grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
By him all things were made, in him was love displayed;
Through him God spoke, and said, "I am for you."

Life found in him its source, death found its end;
Light found in him its course, darkness its friend.
For neither death nor doubt nor darkness can put out
The glow of God, the shout, "I am for you."

The Word was in the world which from him came;
Unrecognized he was, unknown by name;
One with all humankind, with the unloved aligned,
Convincing sight and mind, "I am for you."

All who received the Word by God were blessed;
Sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of Grace proclaim in time and space
And with a human face, "I am for you."

Kids' Talk – Leslie Flynn

First Reading: NUMBERS 21:4-9 (John Sager)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church:

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: EPHESIANS 2:1-10 (Teaghan Atkins)

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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Gospel Reading JOHN 3:14-21 (Jennifer Handley)

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that 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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of Christ:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

*Behold, behold I make all things new,
Beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold I make all things new,
My promise is true, for I am Christ the way.*

Homily (Canon Jeannine)

Musical Interlude

Prayers (Margaret Smart)

Lord's Prayer Sung

Closing Prayer and Blessing (Canon Jeannine)

Church, we have received the immeasurable riches of God's grace
in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Go forth to share this gift with others.

And,

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the light of the Spirit bless you and keep you in
the way of truth. Amen

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Closing Hymn – CP# 601 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Dismissal (Canon Jeannine)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.