

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024



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### **8:00 AM SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Book of Common Prayer – beginning page 67

### **10:00 AM THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Welcome, Announcements & Territorial Acknowledgement

*We come to silence at the sound of the gong.*

*To request specific prayers during the service, please fill out a prayer card and place it in the prayer basket in the narthex.*

Opening Hymn: CP#482 "Come and Journey With a Saviour"

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

*All* **And also with you.**

## **AN ACT OF PENITENCE**

*Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.  
*A moment of silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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

*Kyrie Eleison (CP#705)*

Collect of the Day

*Presider* Faithful God,  
**may we set our minds and wills to yours, and take up our cross, following  
Christ with confidence for the glory you reveal in him; who lives and reigns  
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*FWM Proposed Prayers alt.*

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will

make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:23-31

*Reader* Praise the Lord, you that fear God; \*

*All* **stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither turns away from them; \*  
**when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.**

My praise is of God in the great assembly; \*  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.**

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: \*  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.**  
For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, \*  
**who rules over the nations.**

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before God.**

My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants shall serve God; \*  
**they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that God has done.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

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 existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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**All Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: CP#468 "To Abraham and Sarah"

THE GOSPEL: MARK 8:31-38

Reader The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples 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. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 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." 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. 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 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 Gospel of Christ.

**All 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

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

*Presider* Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: CP#521 "Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear"

**WE SHARE THE SACRED MEAL**

Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* God our provider,

*All* **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer – BAS #2 (p 196)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,

and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*            **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might x2**  
*CP#735*       **heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**  
                 **Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**  
                 **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
                 **Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

*Presider*      Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
                 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
                 who on the night he was handed over  
                 to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks,  
                 saying, "Take, and eat:  
                 this is my body which is broken for you."  
                 In the same way he took the cup,  
                 saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
                 When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

*All*            **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Fa-ther, in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be yourname, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in  
 9 hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For- give - us our sins as we for-give those who sin a -gainst us.  
 17 — Save us from the time of trial and de - li - ver us from e - vil, For the  
 22 king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er.

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread,

*All* **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider* Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

*All* **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;  
 if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the sacrament in front of the altar. You may also indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.*

Communion Music: CP #747 "Jesus, Lamb of God"  
 CP#63 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"  
 CP#65 "Here Lord, We Take the Broken Bread"

## Prayer after Communion

*Presider* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us  
 with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;**

**we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all  
 your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your  
 name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

### Blessing

*Presider* Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: CP#431 "Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said"

### Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**



	8am	10am
Presider	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Preacher	The Rev. Christine Conkin	The Rev. Christine Conkin
Music Director		Marlon Narciso / Carolyn Hoekstra
First Reading	Leslie Glazier	Deb Koning
Psalm	Susan McMillan	Lynn Alexander
Second Reading	Helen Malcolm	Terry Carroll
Prayers	John Oldale	Margaret Smart
Administrants	Linda Sproule-Jones	Gary Fisher, Jennifer Handley
Liturgical Assistant	Bruce Winter	David Stuart
Greeters	Peter Malcolm	Joy Carroll
Tech Assistant		Michael Marriott
Counter		Judy Trueman
Supervisor		Gary Fisher
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