

## Family Service, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### *Greeting & Invitation to Worship*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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### *Opening Prayer*

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Hymn 58: Morning Has Broken**

### *Collect of the 2nd Sunday of Lent*

God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross, you opened for us the path to eternal life:

grant that we, being born again of water and the Holy Spirit,  
may joyfully serve you in newness of life and faithfully walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

### **Daily Lenten Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The 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. God said to Abraham, ‘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.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22: 23-31**

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦

O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;

neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦

but when they cried to him he heard them.

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦

those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦  
and he rules over the nations.

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, ♦  
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve  
him; ♦  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet  
unborn, ♦  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

## **Hymn 581 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

### ***The Gospel Reading***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 8: 31-38)**

Then he 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. 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## *Children's Talk*

### *Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.**

**We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.**

**We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.**

**So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end**

### *Prayers of Penitence*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

***Absolution***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life. Amen.

***Prayers and Thanksgivings***

***The Lord's Prayer***

*We sum up all our prayers and praises in the words our Saviour Christ has taught us:*

**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 those who 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.**

***Dismissal***

As we leave this place may we bring:  
To a troubled world - **Peace from Christ.**  
To a searching world- **Love from Christ.**  
To a waiting world- **Hope from Christ.**

May God's hand lead you, God's eyes watch over you, God's ears hear your prayers, God's arms protect you and hold you close, God's word encourage you and God's love fill your hearts. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all evermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn 593: O Jesus I Have Promised**