



Fourth Sunday in Lent

St. Augustine Parkland Anglican Church
131 Church Road
Spruce Grove Alberta

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, March 27th, 2022

Rector: *The Very Rev. Neil Gordon*
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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery - CP 179 (Pre-Service Hymn)

Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn,
though you die in all of history, - still you rise with every morn, still you rise with every morn.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be,
one with you in joy and sorrow, - we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

Give us eyes to see you clearly; make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly as your gospel shining bright, - as your gospel shining bright.

Rejoice Today with One Accord - CP 318

Rejoice today with one accord, sing out with exultation; - rejoice and praise our mighty Lord,
whose arm hath brought salvation. - His works of love proclaim the greatness of his name,
for he is God alone who hath his mercy shown; - let all his saints adore him.

When in distress to him we cried, he heard our sad complaining. - O trust in him, whate'er betide;
his love is all-sustaining. - Triumphant songs of praise to him our hearts shall raise;
now every voice shall say, - "O praise our God alway", let all his saints adore him!

The Gathering of the Community

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,
People to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison - CP 705

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Please join me in today's Collect,

All: **Gracious Father,**

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 for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (Lesley)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32b - A Responsorial Setting

You are my hiding place. - You always fill my heart - with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid - I will trust in you. - I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong - in the strength of the Lord." - Lord, I trust in you."

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of the summer.

You are my hiding place. - You always fill my heart - with songs of deliverance.

Whenever I am afraid - I will trust in you. - I will trust in you.

Let the weak say, "I am strong - in the strength of the Lord." - Lord, I trust in you."

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

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Whenever I am afraid - I will trust in you. - I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong - in the strength of the Lord." - Lord, I trust in you."*

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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Whenever I am afraid - I will trust in you. - I will trust in you.
Let the weak say, "I am strong - in the strength of the Lord." - Lord, I trust in you."*

Second Reading (Marion)

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

God of Mercy, God of Grace - CP 341

God of mercy, God of grace, - show the brightness of your face;
shine upon us, Saviour, shine, - fill your church with light divine;
and your saving health extend - unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord; - be by all that live adored;
let the nations shout and sing - glory to their Saviour King;
at your feet their tribute pay, - and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord; - earth shall then its fruits afford,
God to us all blessings give, - we to God devoted live;
all below and all above - one in joy and light and love.

Gospel

Reader THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

People **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 Prayers of the People (Randy)

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant invites people to confession in these are similar words

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

The officiant and people say together,

**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.**

Celebrant says,

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People: **And also with you.**

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin - That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross - Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names - Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven - Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine - Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn - Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah

Jesus Messiah, name above all names - Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven - Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You - All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

Jesus Messiah, name above all names - Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven - Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Please join me in the prayer over the gifts,

All: **God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.**

**Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God...

...Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy God, source of life and goodness...

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, ...All glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears fruit in dying.

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei - Lamb of God - CP 745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

As We Gather at Your Table - CP 61

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,

help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;

teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;

send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us, nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

All: **Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

The King of Love My Shepherd Is - CP 520

The King of love my shepherd is; - whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his - and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, - my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, - with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, - but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, - and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill - with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, - thy cross before to guide me.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Father Neil and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador: the Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop. St. Patrick, Edmonton: Kevin Kraglund, Rector; Mark Vigrass, Vocational Deacon; John Agwiking, Filipino Congregation; Joanne Chambers, Susan Storey, Honorary Assistants. Buyé Diocese, Kibonde Parish: Serges Rwasa, Rector. Métis Nation of Alberta.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).
- We pray for the sick, the bereaved and those with special needs, especially remembering Bill, George, Margaret, Stephen, Bud, Vicki, Maxine, Charles, Lauren, Lesley, Carola, Linda, and Greg.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Carol and for her sister Jackie & the rest of the family who mourn her.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Elizabeth, Cathy, Edie, Maxine, Jennifer & James; and their families.