



Third Sunday in Lent

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

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Service, March 20th, 2022

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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.

In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;
may we live and die confessing - Christ as Lord of all we do, Christ as Lord of all we do.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - CP 384

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee:
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

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: **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 Proclamation of the Word

First Reading (Hazel)

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 63B - O God, You Are My God Alone

O God, you are my God alone, - whom eagerly I seek,
though longing fills my soul with thirst - and leaves my body weak.
Just like a dry and barren land - awaits a freshening shower,
I long within your house to see - your glory and your power.

Your faithful love surpasses life, - evoking all my praise.
Through every day, to bless your name, - my hands in joy I'll raise.

My deepest needs you satisfy - as with a sumptuous feast.
So, on my lips and in my heart, - your praise has never ceased.

Throughout the night I lie in bed - and call you, Lord, to mind;
in darkest hours I meditate - how God, my strength, is kind.
Beneath the shadow of your wing, - I live and feel secure;
and daily as I follow close, - your right hand keeps me sure.

Second Reading (Bill)

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

From All the Wind's Wide Quarters - CP 43

From all the wind's wide quarters, - come, see the feast is spread,
of soul-sustaining waters, - of true and living bread;
of sorrows long-departed, - and joys beyond compare -
come, poor and humble-hearted, - the feast of life to share.

With mercy all-prevailing - God bids the wanderer come;
in grace and peace unfailing - invites the children home.
With loving-kindness tender, - God frees us from our sins -
in glory and in splendour - the feast of life begins!

Come, claim the promise spoken! - God's purpose stands secure.
The fruitful word unbroken - shall evermore endure.
All ancient bondage ended - to sin's corrupting powers -
forgiven, freed, befriended, - the feast of life is ours!

Gospel

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 (Hazel)

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.**

Anyone Who Thirsts - PB 11

Anyone who thirsts, turn and come to Me. - Come to me and drink, you who believe in Me.

They who drink this water will be thirsty again - but they who drink the water I give will never thirst again.
This water will become a spring within them, - welling up to bring eternal life.

Anyone who thirsts, turn and come to Me. - Come to me and drink, you who believe in Me.

From the Father I will send you the Paraclete, - He will be with you and in you at all times.
He will teach you and lead you in truth, - and He will bring My peace to you.

Anyone who thirsts, turn and come to Me. - Come to me and drink, you who believe in Me.

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, - and He made the Son the source of life for humankind.
All who come to Him will never be hungry, - nor will they ever thirst again.

Anyone who thirsts, turn and come to Me. - Come to me and drink, you who believe in Me.

I am the resurrection and the life; - whoever lives and puts faith in Me will never die.
I am the bread of life which comes down from heaven, - real bread which gives life to the world.

Anyone who thirsts, turn and come to Me. - Come to me and drink, you who believe in Me.

The Prayer over the Gifts

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

All: **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.**

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

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.

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.

Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him - CP 59

Jesus calls us here to meet him, - as through word and song and prayer

we affirm God's promised presence - where his people live and care.

Praise to God who keeps his promise; - praise the Son who calls us friends;

praise the Spirit who, among us, - to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him - Word of life and Lord of all,

sharer of our flesh and frailness, - saving all who fail or fall.

Tell his holy human story; - tell his tales that all may hear;

tell the world that Christ in glory - came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other: - found in him are no divides.

Race and class and sex and language - such are barriers he derides.

Join the hand of friend and stranger; - join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter - in their common search for truth.

Jesus call us to his table - rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven - finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body; - share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners - hosted by our Lord and King.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Please join with me in the prayer after communion.

All: **God of mercy and forgiveness,
may we who share this sacrament
live together in unity and peace,
in the name of 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - CP 565

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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 Central Newfoundland: the Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop. St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton: Colleen Sanderson, Rector. Buyé Diocese, Giteranyi Parish: Papias Masengesho, Rector. All First Nations people of Treaty 6.
- in the world Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.
- 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, Carol, Linda, Greg and Ayomide.
- We pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. John and for all who mourn.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Joanne & David, Sue, Joannie, Patricia, Maria; and their families.