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## March 13th, 2022 – Lent 2

### Welcome & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

### Opening Sentence –

If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95.7–8

### Opening Hymn – all who love and serve your city

### The Penitential Rite

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we prepare to worship almighty God,  
let us with penitent and obedient hearts  
confess our sins,  
that we may obtain forgiveness  
by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

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**

### Introductory Responses

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the**  
**Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,**  
**and will be for ever. Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying oy the church  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### The Psalm for the day -- Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my**  
**adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

**One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

**"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

**If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you, may those who seek your face be set free from fear and distress, and come to see your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation. **Amen.**

### 2nd Reading -- Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Gradual Hymn -- we have come at Christ's own bidding

### The Gospel - Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Reflection -- 2022 Lenten Season

The Beatitudes Sermon Series

Gospel Theme: Luke 13:31-35 Christ & the Pharisees

**Beatitude - Mathew 5:10**

"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

### Affirmation of Faith. -- The Apostles Creed

**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.**

### Prayers For the Community

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord hear our prayer.”

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of  
unity, service, and praise.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the  
human family.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and  
inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your greater  
praise, that all may share the good things you  
provide.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the  
healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are  
dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory  
and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
As our Saviour taught us,  
we invite you pray in the language your heart loves  
best,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### Collect #2

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross, give us  
faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened  
by his grace we may be changed into his likeness,  
from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### Closing Hymn – how firm a foundation

### The Dismissal

Glory to God,

**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.**

### Collect #1

Artist of souls, you sculpted a people for yourself  
out of the rocks of wilderness and fasting. Help us  
as we take up your invitation to prayer and  
simplicity, so that the discipline of these forty days  
may sharpen our hunger for the feast of your holy  
friendship and whet our thirst for the living water  
you offer through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**