

CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

A People United in Justice and Love

LENT 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 13, 2022

10:00am

We are an affirming church, and we offer a warm welcome to people of all walks of life. This is a safe space for everyone as we are all created in the image of God.

We gratefully acknowledge that we are in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

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Liturgical Setting: Mass of the Celtic Saints by Liam Lawton, arranged by John McCann, GIA Publications, 1998.

Introit: Who is My Mother

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people born from the Gospel
Sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labelled, Widen the circle round Jesus Christ: Crutches and stigmas, culture's enigmas, All come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us; colour or status Can't segregate us round Jesus Christ: Family failings, human derailings All are accepted round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission We claim each other, round Jesus Christ: Here is my mother, here is my brother, Kindred in Spirit through Jesus Christ.



PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th at 6:00pm

At the steps of Christ Church, Dartmouth (50 Wentworth) (Indoors if inclement weather)

Join us for 20 minutes to stand in solidarity against war and injustice. (Freewill offering to support the people of Ukraine through:







MIDDAY PRAYER

WEDNESDAY'S DURING LENT: 12:15-1:15PM



Join us in the church from 12:15-12:25pm for noonday prayers, a short reflection and reflective song.

12:25-1:15PM: SILENT PRAYER



ALL WELCOME



THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY SUNDAY'S AT 11:15AM (IN THE CHURCH) WE GATHER FOR ABOUT 45MINS



The Greeting.

The minister greets the people saying:

Celebrant:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. and also with you.

All:

Hymn of Gathering: Gather Your People

Gather your people, O Lord.

Gather your people, O Lord.

One bread, one body, one spirit of love.

Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:

brothers and sisters,

each of us called to walk in your light.

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plowshares.

Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life; waters of mercy, waters of hope that flow from your side.

Refrain:

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Kyrie (said together)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day:

Hope beyond all human hope, you promised Abraham and Sarah descendants as numerous as the stars. You promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair, and redemption to a world that will not listen.

Gather us in tenderness and open our ears to your word, so that we may live faithfully and confidently in your promises. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word



First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The Spirit of God, manifest as fire, visits us with the promise of life: a life imaged both as multiple descendants and as a homeland. Like Abram, we believe in this promise, and such faith counts as righteousness. In the cross, Christ takes on the lot of the slain animals.

Psalm 27 (The Psalm will be sung together)

Sung Psalm: The Lord is My Light

The Lord is my light, my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear? With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life.
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, The Lord is my salvation. There is one thing I ask of the lord that I long for:
All of my days with God to be dwelling,
Gazing with awe at the beauty of God,
And in wonder look on God's house.

Refrain:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, The Lord is my salvation. I know I will live to see the Lord's goodness;

Now, in this life, I'm sure I will see it.

Trust in the Lord, be strong and be brave;

Wait in hope for God, our salvation.

Refrain:

The Lord is my light, the Lord is my help, The Lord is my salvation.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Reader: The Lord be with you

And also with you. People:

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

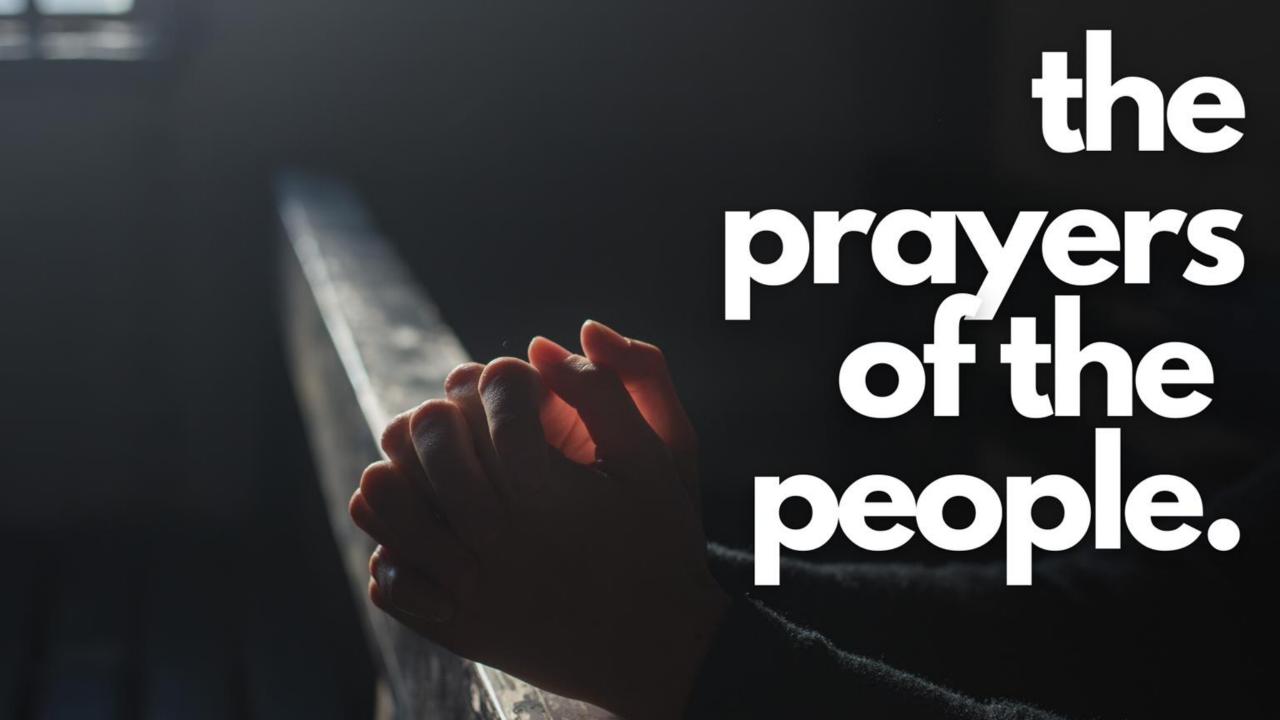
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. People:

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says,

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. People:

Reflection: The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner



Confession and Absolution (please stand as you are able)

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All:

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:

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.

People: Amen.

The Peace (stand as you are able)

The passing of the peace is an ancient practice for Christians. Please acknowledge your neighbour with no physical contact.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always

with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: What Does the Lord Require

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
Think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.

Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.

Do justly; love mercy; we'll humbly walk with God.

Prayer over the gifts (said together) God our provider, 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.

Lenten Eucharistic Prayer

Minister The Lord is here

All God's Spirit is with us.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our

God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.

God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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.

Minister

Loving God on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me. Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister

Creator God, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and

Minister

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

All

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 them that 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.

Breaking of the Bread

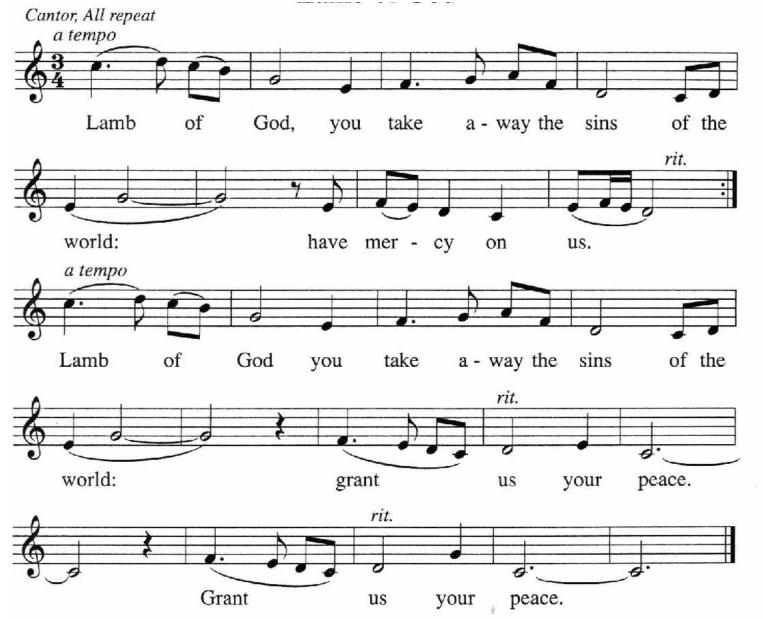
Minister Every time we eat this bread

All

and drink this cup

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lamb of God (sung together)



Communion Hymn: Open My Eyes

Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see your face Open my eyes, Lord Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear your voice Open my ears, Lord Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord Help me to love like you Open my heart, Lord Help me to love

I live within you

Deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you

Rest now in me

Prayer after Communion (said together)

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen. Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

The Doxology:

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: 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

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

All **A**men.

Hymn of Sending: The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;

I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, And sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.

The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally And "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!" Hail Abraham's God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise:

All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

The Dismissal

Minister Go in peace to love and serve

the Lord.

All Thanks be to God, Amen.

Postlude: Who is My Mother

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