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# Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

*The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him  
may have eternal life. John 3:14–15*

## 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant:	The Reverend Armand Mercier
Preacher:	The Venerable Susan Oliver
Crucifer:	Keith Spencer
Readers:	Lynda Phillips
Chalice Administrators:	Dan and Linda Domanski and Lynda Phillips
Prayer Scribe:	Peggy Wilmot
Sidespersons:	Emily Moen and Trish Manns
Organist:	Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts:	Helen Ward and Greg Heaton

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Olive and Mike Finland from their family.*

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn #347 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 eagles' 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 forevermore.

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 Gathering of the Community***

*(Please stand)*

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,

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: Let us pray,

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.**

Children's Talk

***The Proclamation of the Word***

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4A

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

**Refrain:**

**My help only comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.  
My help only comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one  
who watches over you fall asleep.

Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;  
the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.  
The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gradual Hymn #360 Bless the Lord, My Soul

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John (3:1-17)

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

Archdeacon Sue

The Apostle’s Creed

**All: 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

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.

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. **Amen.**

**All:**

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.**

### *The Peace*

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offertory Hymn #354 Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure, sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure of my God's unchanging love.

Here I make faith's affirmation: thus far by thy help I've come,  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Celebrant: God of wisdom,

**All: may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. . . . . By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Blessed is the one who comes, in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; . . . . . All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

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

**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 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.**

Celebrant: We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

**All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**All:**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

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have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us, grant us, grant us your peace.**

The Communion

*Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.*

Music during Communion

Hymn: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.

Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love  
Leading onward, leading homeward to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best;  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee!

Choir: God so Loved the World (Stainer)

Solo: Deep River (Gabe Stephens)

Choir Anthem: O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Prayer after Communion

*(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Creator of heaven and earth,

**All: we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn: #380 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Readings for Next Sunday*

*Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42*

**This week we pray for:** Diocese of Saskatchewan: the Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Adam Halkett, Bishop of Missinipi; the Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy, Assisting Bishop of Missinipi. St. Andrew, Camrose: Trina Holmberg (s. Ken), Rector; Daryle Kerr (s. Kathy), Honorary Assistant; Bev Shafer, Secretary. Buyé Diocese, Nyamabuye Parish: Serges Rwsa, Rector. Enoch Cree Nation.

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## Announcements

### Shrove Tuesday Thank you

Thank you to the Men's Group for preparing and serving our Shrove Pancake Supper. All enjoyed great food and fellowship. And a special thank you to Ken Singleton and Ron Norton for all their hard work ensuring the success of the event.

## Stitches Group Request

If anyone has 100% old wool sweaters, please donate to our Stitches Group to use for projects. The sweaters can be in any condition even with holes as they will be washed, felted and repurposed into new items. A box in the cloak room at the entrance of the church for sweaters. Donations will be accepted until March 12/23. Thank you for your support

## DECC

The Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir are at Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona, for their Sunday service this morning. We are thankful to the Anglican Foundation for a grant to support the creation of this initiative.

### Life Together: Lent 2023

#### **Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm**

Join us this week for an evening of learning and conversation: A Conversation about Courageous Community. Our speaker is Anna Bubel who specializes in community economic development and is the founder of the Edmonton organization called, **Another Way**.

Anna will share some of her stories about the ways in which churches in Edmonton and beyond have begun to ask and answer questions about social responsibility in our communities as well as how our churches can survive and thrive in a changing world.

#### **Friday, March 17 at 5pm**

Bring your favourite dish and come out for an all ages evening of fun and fellowship for our St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Sign up in church hall

#### **Sunday, March 26 at 4pm**

Bring a snack to share and your favourite game to play. From cribbage to bridge, from Scrabble to Scattergoires, we will have something for everyone! Let's get together and play at Parish Game Night. Sign up in church hall.

#### **Tuesdays in Lent starting on March 14 at 7pm**

Join us via Zoom as Archdeacon Sue leads a series on Bonhoeffer's seminal book, Life Together: The Classic Explanation of Life Together in Community. Please email the parish office ([admin@christchurchedm.ca](mailto:admin@christchurchedm.ca)) to register and receive the link to this intentional learning and sharing experience.