

Diocese of Yukon - Morning Prayer - February 28, 2021
2nd Sunday in Lent

The Penitential Rite

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1.8-9

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

God of all mercy,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power forgive you
and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn: New Every Morning Is The Love. (#7 Common Praise)

New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price. God will provide for sacrifice.

The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask;
room to deny ourselves, a road. to bring us daily nearer God.

Introductory Response

We cast our burdens upon you, O Lord,
and you will sustain us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God,
and renew a right spirit within us.
Cast us not away from your presence
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Give us the joy of your saving help again
and sustain us by your bountiful Spirit.
Blessed are you, O Holy One,
the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: **Thanks be to God**

The Responary

Leader: Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.

People: **Incline your ear to me; make haste to answer when I call.**

Leader: Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come before you.

People: **Make haste to answer when I call.**

Leader: Hide not your face from me in the day of my trouble.

People: **Make haste to answer when I call.**

Leader: You endure for ever and your name from age to age.

People: **Make haste to answer when I call.**

Leader: You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have pity upon her.

People: **Make haste to answer when I call.**

The Psalm. Psalm 22:22-30

Leader: Praise the Lord, you that fear God; *
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

People: **For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them; *
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard**

Leader: My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

People: **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
“May your heart live for ever!”**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

People: **For sovereignty belongs to the Lord; *
who rules over the nations.**

Leader: To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

People: **My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

Leader: They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that God has done.

All: **Holy God, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. Christ overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

Leader: Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second Reading. Romans 4:13-25

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: You Call Us, Lord, To Be. (Common Praise #450)

You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

You call us, Lord, to serve, to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

The Gospel. Mark 8:31-38.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those

who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon. The Most Rev Melissa Skelton; Metropolitan

Affirmation of Faith. The Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 Community

Leader: Let us offer our intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings,
saying, ‘God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.’

Leader: In our diocesan cycle today we pray for our Diocesan Executive Committee,
our Diocesan Vice-Chancellor John Vaissi Nagy, our Prayer Partner The
Diocese of Fredericton, and Archbishop David Edwards.

In the worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer today we pray for
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Leader: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the mission of the Church,
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those preparing for baptism
and for their teachers and sponsors,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For peace in the world,
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners
and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

Leader: For grace to amend our lives and to further your reign,

All: God of our ancestors, hear our prayer.

A short period of silence

The Collect

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Trusting in the compassion of God and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
in the language of our heart, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: 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.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me. (Common Praise #430)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The Dismissal