

# **First Sunday of Lent**

## **Sunday, 26 February 2023**

### **Morning Worship**

#### **SCRIPTURE SENTENCE**

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

*Joel 2:23*

#### **GREETING & OPENING PRAYER**

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Lord, direct our thoughts,  
help us to pray,  
and lift up our hearts to worship you  
in Spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **SONGS**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord.  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord.

Our God, You reign forever  
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

*You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint, you won't grow weary.  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles.*

Brenton Brown|Ken Riley

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

*Hallelujah  
My life is found in Jesus Christ  
Hallelujah  
For I am His and He is mine.*

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased with His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God.  
With Christ my Saviour and my God.

*Hallelujah*  
*My life is found in Jesus Christ*  
*Hallelujah*  
*For I am His and He is mine.*

I bow before the cross of Christ  
And marvel at this love divine  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes.  
This river's depths I cannot know  
But I can glory in its flood  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low  
And poured on me His glorious love.  
And poured on me His glorious love.

Charitie Lees Bancroft

## CONFESSION

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.  
*1 Peter 2:24*

Let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us and make our good confession

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*cf Psalm 51*

## ABSOLUTION

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord*  
*Blessed be Your name.*  
*Blessed be the name of the Lord*  
*Blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name.

You give and take away,  
You give and take away,  
My heart will choose to say,  
Lord blessed be Your name.

Beth Redman|Matt Redman

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4: 1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ADDRESS

Judith Armitt

## 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,  
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 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.**

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### SONG

*During which we take our offering of money for the work of the parish  
and its mission*

We will seek Your face Almighty God  
Turn and pray for You to heal our land  
Father, let revival start in us  
Then every heart will know Your kingdom come.

*Lifting up the name of the Lord in power and in unity,  
We will see the nations turn,  
Touching heaven, changing earth.  
Touching heaven, changing earth.*

Never looking back we'll run the race  
Giving You our lives we'll gain the prize.  
We will take the harvest given us  
Though we sow in tears we'll reap in joy.

Send revival, send revival  
Send revival to us.

Reuben Morgan

## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

*The collection is received.*

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.

**Amen.**

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