



**Team Eucharist  
For Sunday 28 February 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Hymn before the service begins: Breathe on me breath of God

**Gathering**

We meet in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The president introduces the service.*

*The president prays an opening prayer.*

Loving God, we have come  
together from scattered lives to worship you.  
Help us to pray to you in faith,  
to sing your praise with gratitude,  
and to listen to your word with eagerness;  
through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:**  
*Great is thy faithfulness*

**Invitation to Confession**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Against you, you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**



## ***God's Forgiveness***

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant *you* and *me* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## ***Collect***

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## ***Ministry of the Word***

***We hear a reading from the Old or New Testament.***

***Old Testament: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16***

### **The Sign of the Covenant**

**17** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty;<sup>[a]</sup> walk before me, and be blameless. **2** And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' **3** Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, **4** 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **5** No longer shall your name be Abram,<sup>[b]</sup> but your name shall be Abraham;<sup>[c]</sup> for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. **6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7** 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<sup>[d]</sup> after you.

**15** God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. **16** 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.'



## ***New Testament: Romans 4.13 to end***

### **God's Promise Realized through Faith**

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> 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, <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already<sup>[b]</sup> as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith<sup>[c]</sup> 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

***Gospel Reading***  
***Mark 8.31 to end***

*The Gospel reading is introduced.*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection**

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> He



said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> 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.'

<sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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,<sup>[1]</sup> will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words<sup>[1]</sup> 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

***The Address***

***Hymn***

***The Servant King***

***The Creed***

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven  
and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power  
from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

*At the end.*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**



**Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### ***The Peace***

*The president introduces the peace.*

Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### ***Ministry of the Sacrament***

We bless you, High King of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made;  
they will become our spiritual food and drink.  
Blessed be God for ever

The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
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 say:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, 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.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, 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, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

**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.  
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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Every time we eat this bread  
And drink this cup,

**All: We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

**Jesus** said to them, "I am the **bread of life**; he who **comes** to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. **Jesus** said to them, "I am the **bread of life**; he who **comes** to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

So I invite you to come, to come to Christ as we take a moment to make our spiritual communion this day.

*A moment for us to make our own Spiritual Communion this day.*

### ***Hymn***

*How deep the Father's Love for us.*

### **Prayer after Communion**



*Silence is kept.*

*The president prays the Post Communion prayer.*

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Notices and Banns of Marriage**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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.

Go on in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Final Hymn:**

*What a friend we have in Jesus*

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