

Morning Worship – 2nd Sunday of Lent, 5 March 2023

Welcome and Gathering

Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you. **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Let us give thanks to God:

For the love of our Father, maker of all, the giver of all good things,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lived and worked among us,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection to new life,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things and his presence in the world,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who teaches and guides us,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit in the work of the Church and the life of the world,

Let us bless the Lord: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Songs: Bless the Lord, my soul *and* Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Our young people and leaders leave us for FLAMES

A time to seek forgiveness:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord: **teach me your paths.** (*Psalm 25:4*)

We hear the commandments which God has given to his people, and we examine your hearts.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me; you shall not make for yourself any idol; you shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy; honour your father and mother.

You shall not commit murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness against your neighbour; you shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.

Amen. Lord, have mercy upon us and write all these your laws in our hearts.

In a moment of silence let us reflect upon and confess to God our failure to keep these commandments.

We have a high priest able to understand our weaknesses who has gone into heaven: Jesus, the Son of God. He was temped in every way, just as we are – yet without sin.

Therefore we approach the throne of grace with confidence, to receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Amen. (from Hebrews 4)

Song: Breathe on me, breath of God

Almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, brings us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a - The call of Abram

Ending with This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading:

John 3:1-17 - Jesus teaches Nicodemus

Ending with This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment for personal reflection as our musician plays.

Talk – Living by faith

Song: Lord, I come to you

This time Tomorrow

Song: This is my desire, to honour You

Prayers of Intercession

Including The Lord's Prayer:

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

Notices

Hymn: Lord, your Church on earth is seeking

Concluding Prayer and Blessing:

Before we leave this place, let us ask what God wants us to hear, to have, or to do, and be open to receive it graciously.....(*pause*)

God of grace, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all that God gives to us, we say: **thank you.**

For all that God asks of us, we say: **yes.**

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

And the blessing.....