

**Morning Prayer – Lent 111**  
**Book of Alternative Services**  
**March 7, 2021**  
**Order of Service**

**THE PENITENTIAL RITE**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. *Psalm 51.18*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. *Isaiah 55.6, 7*

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

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**Most merciful God,  
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.**

Cast your burden upon the Lord,  
**And he will sustain you.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from your presence  
**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
**And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Blessed be the Lord day by day,  
**The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

**HYMN: *O God of Font and Altar 389 vs. 1 & 2***

### **THE INVITATORY**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come, let us worship.**

### **VENITE**

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

The sea is his for he made it,  
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the  
sheep of his hand.

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:  
**O come, let us worship.**

## **THE PSALM**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows  
his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts  
knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not  
heard,

**Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to  
the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a  
bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run  
its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs  
about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning  
heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony  
of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the  
commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.**

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life.     *PSALM 19***

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**READING: EXODUS 20:1-17**

**CANTICLE (A Song from Ezekiel)**

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from every country, and bring you home to your own land.

**I will pour clean water upon you, purify you from all defilement, and cleanse you from all your idols.**

A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you;

**I will take from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**

I will put my spirit within you, make you walk in my ways and observe my decrees.

**You shall dwell in the land I gave to your forebears; you shall be my people and I will be your God.**

*(Silence)*

**HYMN: *Your Word, O God, a Living Sword 604 vs. 1 & 3***

**GOSPEL JOHN 2:13-22**

**REFLECTION/HOMILY**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**Hear, O Israel,  
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
with all your mind  
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.**

**The second is like it:**

**Love your neighbour as yourself.**

**There is no commandment greater than these.**

**HYMN FOR THE OFFERING: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds 620 vs. 1, 3, 4***

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE COLLECT**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**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.**

### **DISMISSAL**

### **THE GRACE**

**HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation* 527 vs. 1, 3, 5**

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