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St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14, 2021

[Un-bolded words are said by one, **Bolded words** can be said by all.]

**PENITENTIAL RITE**

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.

Silence is kept.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All-Ages Song: *Jesus Saviour*

**MORNING PRAYER**

Lord, open our lips,

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

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

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

**Invitatory** *Psalm 51:1-18*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness; \*

**in your great compassion blot out my offences.**

Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

**and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, \*

**and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you only have I sinned \*

**and done what is evil in your sight.**

And so you are justified when you speak \*

**and upright in your judgement.**

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*

**a sinner from my mother’s womb.**

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*

**and will make me understand wisdom secretly.**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*

**wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*

**that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins \*

**and blot out all my iniquities.**

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.**

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, \*

**and sinners shall return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, \*

**and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.**

Open my lips, O Lord, \*

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice, \*

**but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.**

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; \*

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

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

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4–9.

*4From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” 6Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. 8And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” 9So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.*

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*

**and his mercy endures for ever.**

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*

**that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; \*

**from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*

**they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food \*

**and drew near to death’s door.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*

**and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them \*

**and saved them from the grave.**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*

**and the wonders he does for his children.**

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*

**and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

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

A reading from the first letter to the Ephesians 2:1–10.

*You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— 9not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle - 19a The Song of Zechariah *Luke 1:68-79*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \**

***he has come to his people and set them free.***

*He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \**

***born of the house of his servant David.***

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old,*

*that he would save us from our enemies, \**

***from the hands of all who hate us.***

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers \**

***And to remember his holy covenant.***

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \**

***to set us free from the hands of our enemies,***

*free to worship him without fear, \**

***holy and righteous in his sight***

***all the days of our life.***

*You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \**

***for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,***

*to give his people knowledge of salvation \**

***by the forgiveness of their sins.***

*In the tender compassion of our God \**

*t****he dawn from on high shall break upon us,***

*to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \**

***and to guide our feet into the way of peace.***

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**

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

Song: *My Eyes Are Dry*

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John (3:14–21).

**Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

*16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

*17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”*

The Gospel of Christ: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

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.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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.**

**INTERCESSIONS**

*With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”*

*For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.* ***Lord, have mercy.***

*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, we pray to you, Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.*

***Lord, have mercy.***

*For our own needs and those of others.*

[***Take a moment of silence to offer up prayers and intercessions, for yourself and for others. Our weekly prayer list can be found in this week’s bulletin.***]

*Hear us, we pray;* ***Lord, have mercy.***

Collect

*Gracious Father,*

*whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him,*

*who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, now and for ever.* ***Amen****.*

The Lord’s Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Hymn: *Come O Fount* (CP #354)

Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**