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St. Luke’s Gondola Point

Morning Prayer Service

First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 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 Genesis 9:8-17

*8Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 9“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, 10and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. 11I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” 12God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: 13I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. 14When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, 15I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. 16When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” 17God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”*

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

Psalm 25:1–10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*

**let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, \*

**and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*

**for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*

**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

He guides the humble in doing right \*

**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*

**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

For your name’s sake, O Lord, \*

**forgive my sin, for it is great.**

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 letter of 1 Peter 3:18–22.

*18For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.*

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

Canticle 6 - *Seek The Lord Isaiah 55:6-11*

*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 turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \**

***and to our God, for he will richly pardon.***

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \**

***nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.***

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \**

***so are my ways higher than your ways,***

***and my thoughts than your thoughts.***

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \**

***and return not again, but water the earth,***

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, \**

***seed for sowing and bread for eating,***

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \**

***it will not return to me empty;***

*But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \**

***and prosper in that for which I sent it.***

Hymn: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (CP #533)

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (1:9-15).

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

*9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”*

*12And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.*

*14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”*

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

*Almighty God,*

*whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,*

*that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.**

Song: *My Eyes Are Dry*

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.**