

Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
Sunday 13th March, 2022
Lent 2

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for

Charles Smith, Alexander Mitchell, James Hogg, Revd Lawrence Wilson, Winifred Anderson, Alastair Mowat, Rosalinde Balfour-Melville, Jeffrey Robinson.

We pray too for Tony Wills, and Douglas Hamilton, who both died recently.

We also give special prayers for Josephine, Masami, Peter, Joan M., Delia, Nancy, Gonzalo, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, Hadil's parents as they prepare to travel to a new life in Scotland, Ukraine, its people, and the World, and the families and friends of both Tony Wills and Douglas Hamilton.

The Intercessions are being led by Janet Young

The Collect for Lent 2 is:

O God,
you see that we lack the strength to help ourselves:
protect us both inwardly and outwardly;
that our bodies may be guarded from adversity,
and our minds may be defended
from such thoughts as assault and harm the soul;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end **Amen**

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 (Read by John Smith)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.'

He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.'

He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
2. When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they,
my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.
3. Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;
4. And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
5. One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
6. To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
7. For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.
8. Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me;
9. Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
10. . Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
11. You speak in my heart and say, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek.
12. Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
13. You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
14. Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.
15. Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
16. Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.
17. What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land
of the living!
18. O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

The New Testament Reading Philippians 3: 17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading is Luke 9: 28-36

Glory to Christ our Saviour

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said.

While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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Thanks be to God.

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. **Amen**

The sung Communion Setting is by MacMillan.

The Hymns are

NEH 234 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
Sheet: "We have come at Christ's own bidding"
NEH 343 Bright the vision that delighted

The Anthem is *Ave Verum Corpus* by Elgar. The translation is,
Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffering, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: may it be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death.
O dear Jesus, O merciful Jesus, O Jesus son of Mary, have mercy upon me. Amen

The words of **We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding** (Tune: Hyfrydol)

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding
To this high and holy place
Where we wait with hope and longing
For some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
That our faith is not in vain.
Searching like those first disciples
For a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks in upon our darkness,
Splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word.
Moses and Elijah marvel
As the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts, behold with wonder
How the Law and Prophets meet
Christ with garments, drenched in brightness
Stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
Fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Peter find it tempting
To remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
To proclaim what we profess;
That our daily lives may prove
Us people of the God we bless.