

Morning Prayer

The Second Sunday in Lent

28 February 2021

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Organist - **Jeremy Spurgeon**

We acknowledge that this service takes place on Treaty 6 territory.

Organ

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV 639

Johann Sebastian

I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

Bach

*I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

Galatians 6.14

Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise (347)

**The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient and everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name for ever blest.**

**The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.**

**The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.**

**Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"**

**Hail Abraham's God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise:
all power and majesty be yours and endless praise!**

Officiant 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.

All 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.

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

People Amen.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips
People and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant Hear our voice, O Lord,
People according to your judgment give us life.

Officiant Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory forever.
In the darkness of our sin,

your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.
As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Officiant Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
People **Blessed be God forever.**

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

Invitatory Psalm 63.1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water. Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory. For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name. My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips, when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches. For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice. My soul clings to you; your mighty hand holds me fast.

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People **O come, let us worship.**

First Reading Genesis 17.1–7, 15–16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I

have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 22. 22-30

I will declare your name to my kindred;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear God;

stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them;

when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

My praise is of God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

For sovereignty belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God;

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

Second Reading Romans 4.13–25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said (431)
Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,

and humbly follow after me.

**Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
your Lord for you endured to die
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
'twill guide you to a better home
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Gospel: Mark 8.31–38

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

**Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.**

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become

my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Reader This is the Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn The Church of Christ in Every Age (584)

**The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.**

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**People 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.

Prayers of the People

May your holy people triumph over evil and grow in grace.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May candidates for baptism and confirmation live by every word that proceeds from your mouth.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May you guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of mercy and truth.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the needy not be forgotten nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the sick in body, mind and spirit know your power to heal.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

May the poor in spirit inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face.

Shepherd of souls, tend your flock.

Officiant Holy God, whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking: transform the night-time of our fear into a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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.**

Blessing

Hymn **How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord (466)**

**How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored,
that you are Lord of all,
and will not let us fall.**

**But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear;
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.**

**We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.**

**In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines or ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you,
the cross you hung upon,
all you endeavoured done.**

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Organ

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Music Notes

The opening organ work is the beautiful, simple call to our Lord Jesus Christ - *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* - and comes from the collection known as *Orgelbüchlein (Little Organ Book)* which **Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)** wrote during his time at Weimar between 1708 and 1717. *Ich ruf zu dir* is written as a trio with the melody played by the right hand, while the left hand plays a moving single line, yet harmonically rich! - all held together by a pulsating bass pedal part.

Later, in the 20th century, the great Leopold Stokowski was inspired to orchestrate this sublime piece. You can find this online, along with the version for solo piano played by the incomparable Dinu Lipatti.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) wrote a great number of compositions for the Church, many of which we use here at All Saints. Our closing organ piece today is the ever-joyful and uplifting *Choral Song*. Sounds like it should be sung, but no, it's truly for organ alone, through and through! Wesley wrote this in approximately 1836 while organist at Exeter Cathedral.

For Those Who We Have Been Asked to Pray:

Ray, Sandy, Adelyn, Dale, Paul, Dan, Rebekah, Comfort, Pat, Peggy, Valerie, Pam, Peter, Lois, Bob, David Capelazo, Anne Tolson, Dennis, Vivien, Ben, Virginia, Suzie, Laura, Rheal, Anne, and Gordon and Ruby.

We pray for front line and essential workers and for all who are affected by COVID19.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church in Canada: 2 Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island: the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop.

Diocese of Edmonton: for Jane, our Bishop; St. John the Baptist, St. Paul; Elizabeth Metcalf, Rector.

Buyé Diocese: Buyé Diocese Youth Coordinator: Audace.

Treaty 6: Enoch Cree Nation.

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Announcements

- **AGM today at noon on Zoom.**

- **Binding the Strong Man Pt. 2**

Starting Wednesday February 24th, Join Rev. Ruth for part 2 of this study by Ched Myers. A groundbreaking political reading of Mark's gospel. vicar@allsaintscathedral.ca

- **Prayer Requests for Lent**

The season of Lent calls us into a time of prayer, and this year I would encourage you to take time to pray for one another. As a way of facilitating these prayers, each week in our Lent Newsletter there will be a suggested prayer, as well as a section for prayer requests. This list will include those we pray for each Sunday, as well as any other requests we receive throughout the season. If you would like to add to this list, please contact the office. If you or someone you know needs prayers and you do not want the name published, please let the office know and your prayer will be added to the clergy's list only.

- **Reminder**

While our office is closed as we follow current AHS restrictions, the Dean, Vicar, and Admin Assistant are working and are available to connect with you. To reach us, you can call the office and leave a message 780-428-6323 (messages are being checked remotely), or you can email them: dean@allsaintscathedral.ca, vicar@allsaintscathedral.ca, admin@allsaintscathedral.ca