

# *First Sunday in Lent*

February 28th, 2021

## **Processional Hymn Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain;  
Ever lasting is your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,  
**All: to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**All: Holy God,  
Holy and mighty,  
Holy immortal one,  
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

1st reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:22-30

2nd reading: Romans 4:13-25

## **Gospel Gradual Be Still and Know That I Am God**

**Be still and know that I am God  
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Be still and know that I am God**

**I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee  
I am the Lord that healeth thee**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Gospel reading: Mark 8:31-38

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Gospel Gradual Be Still and Know That I Am God**

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust  
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**Be still and know that I am God  
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Sermon

### **Anthem Take Up Your Cross**

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

**All: 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.**

The Prayers of the People

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.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners

and inviting them to this table.  
Let us now confess our sins,  
confident in our Lord's eternal forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

**All: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.

**All: And also with you**

### **Offertory Hymn Above All**

**Above all powers  
Above all kings  
Above all nature  
And all created things  
Above all wisdom, And all the ways of man  
You were here, Before the world began**

**Above all kingdoms  
Above all thrones  
Above all wonders  
The world has ever known  
Above all wealth, And treasures of the earth  
There's no way to measure, What You're worth**

**Crucified, Laid behind a stone  
You lived to die, Rejected and alone  
Like a rose, Trampled on the ground  
You took the fall, And thought of me  
Above all**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God, through your beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all  
things.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took  
flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our  
human nature. He lived and died as  
one of us, to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their  
hope in you; and so he won for you a  
holy people.  
He chose to bear our griefs and  
sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil  
and death, and banish the darkness of  
sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your  
presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours, Father  
and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: We Brake this bread  
**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.  
**All: If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

(the Celebrant will take communion on behalf of the congregation)

### **Anthem Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Glory to God,  
**All: whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to  
generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

Blessing

### **Hymn The Old Rugged Cross**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suffering and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where his glory forever I'll share**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

**I will cling to the old rugged cross  
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