

LENT II WORSHIP

February 28, 2021

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Wade in the water"

LEVAS #143

**CHORUS: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water. God's gonna trouble the water.**

**Who's that yonder dressed in red? God's gonna trouble the water.
Must be the children that Moses led, God's gonna trouble the water.**

CHORUS

**Who's that yonder dressed in white? God's gonna trouble the water.
Must be the children of the Israelites, God's gonna trouble the water.**

CHORUS

**If you don't know if you've been redeemed
(God's gonna trouble the water),
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's gonna trouble the water.**

CHORUS

A Litany of Penitence

Officiant Most holy and merciful God:

People **We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and
deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

The Officiant continues

We confess to you, Lord, that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

We confess to you, Lord.

We have turned away from to your call to serve, as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

We confess to you, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people. Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves. Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us. Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;
We confess to you, Lord.

Our false judgments and uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us; our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
We confess to you, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,
That we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,
Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant pronounces absolution, saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Celebrant

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: 1 Kings 22, selected verses

Reader A reading from the first book of Kings.

Ahab, the king of Israel, said to Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, 'Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth-gilead?' Jehoshaphat replied to the king of Israel, 'I am as you are; my people are your people, my horses are your horses.' But Jehoshaphat also said, 'Inquire first for the word of the Lord.' Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred of them, and said to them, 'Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I

refrain?' They said, 'Go up; for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' But Jehoshaphat said, 'Is there no other prophet of the Lord here of whom we may inquire?' The king of Israel said, 'There is still one other by whom we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah son of Imlah; but I hate him, for he never prophesies anything favorable about me, but only disaster.' Jehoshaphat said, 'Let the king not say such a thing.' Then the king of Israel summoned an officer and said, 'Bring quickly Micaiah son of Imlah.'

The messenger said to Micaiah, 'Look, the words of the prophets with one accord are favorable to the king; let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably.' But Micaiah said, 'As the Lord lives, whatever the Lord says to me, that I will speak.'

When he had come to the king, the king said to him, 'Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we refrain?' He answered him, 'Go up and triumph; the Lord will give it into the hand of the king.' But the king said to him, 'How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?' Then Micaiah said, 'I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd; and the Lord said, "These have no master; let each one go home in peace." ' The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy anything favorable about me, but only disaster?'

The king of Israel then ordered, 'Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the governor of the city, and say, "Thus says the king: Put this fellow in prison, and feed him on reduced rations of bread and water until I return in peace." ' Micaiah said, 'If you return in peace, the Lord has not spoken by me.'

So the king of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, 'I will disguise myself and go into battle, but you wear your robes.' So the king of Israel disguised himself and went into battle. Now the king of Aram had commanded the captains of his chariots, 'Fight with no one small or great, but only with the king of Israel.' When the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, they said, 'It is surely the king of Israel.' So they turned to fight against him; and Jehoshaphat cried out. When the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. But a certain man drew his bow and unknowingly struck the king of Israel between the scale-armor and the breastplate; so he said to the driver of his chariot, 'Turn around, and carry me out of the battle, for I am wounded.' The battle grew hot that day, and the king was propped up in his chariot facing the Arameans, until at evening he died. Then about sunset a shout went through the army, 'Every man to his city, and every man to his country!' So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; they buried the king in Samaria.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: "The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after

three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and scolded him and began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter: “Get behind me, Accuser. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “If anyone wants to follow me, they must say ‘no’ to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save their soul will lose it; but whoever is willing to lose their soul for the sake of me and of the good tidings will save it. For what good is it for somebody to gain the whole world but lose their soul?”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others’ prayer requests before God in your heart as well. Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God’s people everywhere.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority. In this season, we pray especially for all newly-elected public officials, for those working to alleviate the pandemic, for all those working for justice and equity, and for those you now name.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities. We pray for all essential workers and healthcare workers, and for those whom you now name.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list. You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God’s love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn. We hold before you all those who have lost their lives to the pandemic, and all the bereaved.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in your great mercy, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

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

Celebrant

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and

rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering Christ's death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray in the language of your heart.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

People **Have mercy on us.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

People **Grant us peace.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses to Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Take my hand, precious Lord"

**Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand -
Guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

Dismissal

*The Celebrant dismisses the congregation. The people respond, **Thanks be to God!***