

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Wilt thou forgive"

Hymnal #140

**Wilt Thou forgive the sin where I begun
Which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive those sins, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, For I have more.**

**Wilt Thou forgive that sin by which I've won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun,
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done, For I have more.**

**I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son
shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;
and having done that, Thou hast done; I fear no more.**

A Litany of Penitence

This Litany of Penitence is adapted from the Ash Wednesday liturgy (page 267 in the Book of Common Prayer).
Text in bold is spoken by all.

Officiant Let us examine our lives in the presence of God, humbly confessing
our sins and opening our hearts.

The Voice of the People leads the prayer:

**Most holy and merciful God:
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.

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We confess that 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.

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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.

We confess to you, Lord.

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We confess to you, Lord, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves.

We confess to you, Lord.

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We confess to you, Lord, 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.

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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.

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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.**

Pouring of Water

Song after the Absolution: "God calls you good"

Tenderly, with confidence

The musical score is written on three staves in G major and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: 'God calls you good, be-lov-ed child. You are a treas-ure deep-ly; God calls me good, be-lov-ed child. I am a treas-ure deep-ly prized. And you can say to ev-'ry doubt-ing voice: 'God calls you; And I can say to ev-'ry doubt-ing voice: God calls me good, good, be-lov-ed child.' The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

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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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

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 toward 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 turtledove, 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 27:1-11

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, *

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, *

yet will I put my trust in God.

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek: *

that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,

To behold your fair beauty, O God, *

and to seek you in your temple.

For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; *

you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling

and set me high upon a rock.

Even now you lift up my head *

above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to you.

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; *

have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *

Your face, O God, will I seek.

The Epistle: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the church in Philippi.

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 Savior, 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.

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The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Reader A reading from the gospel of Luke.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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The Sermon

Diana Lucas

The Prayers

Officiant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 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.

Officiant 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.
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.
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.
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.

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you!
All **And also with you!**

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord,
People **Thanks be to God!**