



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Wait for the Lord Psalm 27:14

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**Sunday 10:00am Service
February 21, 2021**

Morning Prayer – First Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

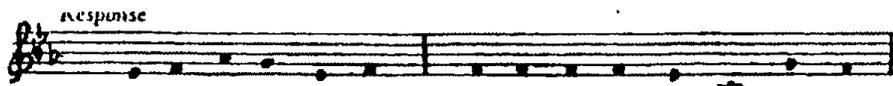
“Wait for the Lord”- Taize

Welcome and Announcements

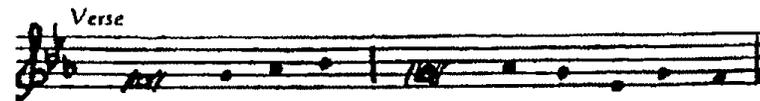
Br Jason Carroll

A Responsory for Lent

Psalm 102:1,12,13



In-cline your ear to me; make haste to an-swer when I call.
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Lord, *hear my prayer, ** and let my *cry* come be-fore you.
Make haste to answer when I call.

Hide not your *face* from me * in the *day* of my *trou-ble*.
Make haste to answer when I call.

You, O Lord, *en-dure* for ever, * and your *name* from age to age.
Make haste to answer when I call.

You will arise and have com-*passion* on Zion, * for it is time to
have *pi-ty* up-on her.
Make haste to answer when I call.

Glory to the Father and to the Son * and to the *Ho-ly* Spi-rit.
In-cline your ear to me; make haste to an-swer when I call.

Opening Hymn 175 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:

Burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

**So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.**

**Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.**

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

The officiant says to the people,

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.

All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and people say together,

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.

The priest says, (while standing)

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

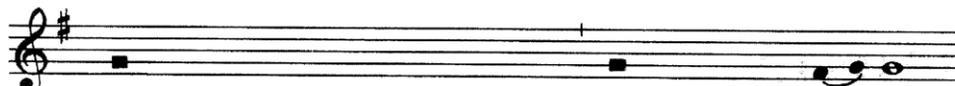
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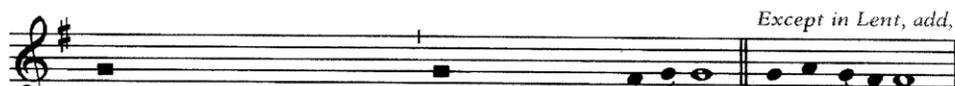
Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. *People* And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Officiant O God, make speed to save us. *People* O Lord, make haste to help us.



All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:



Except in Lent, add,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitatory

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: **O come, let us worship**

Venite *Psalm 95.1–11*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Harden not your hearts,
As your forbears did in the wilderness,
 at Meribah, and on that day at Messah,
 When they tempted me.
They put me to the test,
 though they had seen my works.
Forty years long I detested that generation and said,
 “This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not know my ways.”
So I swore in my wrath,
 “They shall not enter into my rest.”**

The Proclamation of the Word

*At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

Sara Gateman

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

Psalm 25: 1-9



Unto thee O Lord do I lift up my soul;
my God, I have put my trust in thee.

O let me not be confounded,
neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all thy that hope in thee shall not be ashamed;
but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Show me thy ways, O Lord,
and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth and teach me:
for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee is my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance O Lord, thy tender mercies,
and thy loving kindnesses which have been over of old.

O remember not the sins and offence of my youth;
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord;
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement;
and such as are gentle, them shall he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth,
Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Reading 1Peter 3: 18-22

Len Robinson

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive,

he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Gradual Hymn: “To the River”

**To the river I am going
Bringing sins I cannot bear
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me
Lord, I need to meet You there**

**In these waters, healing mercy
flows with freedom from despair
I am going to that river
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

Chorus: Precious Jesus, I am ready
 to surrender every care
 Take my hand now, lead me closer
 Lord, I need to meet You there.

**Come and join us in the river
Come find life beyond compare
He is calling, He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet You there
He is calling, He is waiting
Jesus longs to meet You there.**

Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

Linda Bateman

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.**

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem:

"This Lonesome Valley"

sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Keith Griffioen, Len Robinson

(all stand)

The Apostles' Creed

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

(all kneeling)

Gary Moore

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Pray for St. George, Stettler and their clergy, David Holmes and Jack Schulze. In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillip,

Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish staff: Wendy Doherty, Joanne Collier, Mary Lee Voort, Karen Larsen, Len Robinson, Greg Young and Michael Larsen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All **Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

Closing Hymn: 628 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (v. 1, 3, 4, 7)

**O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.**

**For us he was baptized, and bore
his holy fast, and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.**

**For us he prayed, for us he taught,
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and sign, and actions,
thus still seeking not himself but us.**

**To God whose boundless love has won
salvation for us through the Son,
to God the Father, glory be
both now and through eternity.**

Dismissal

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude

“My Peace” - Taize

Flowers at the altar to the Glory of God

In loving memory of Jim and David and Jean

Thank you to our technical crew this morning.

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