



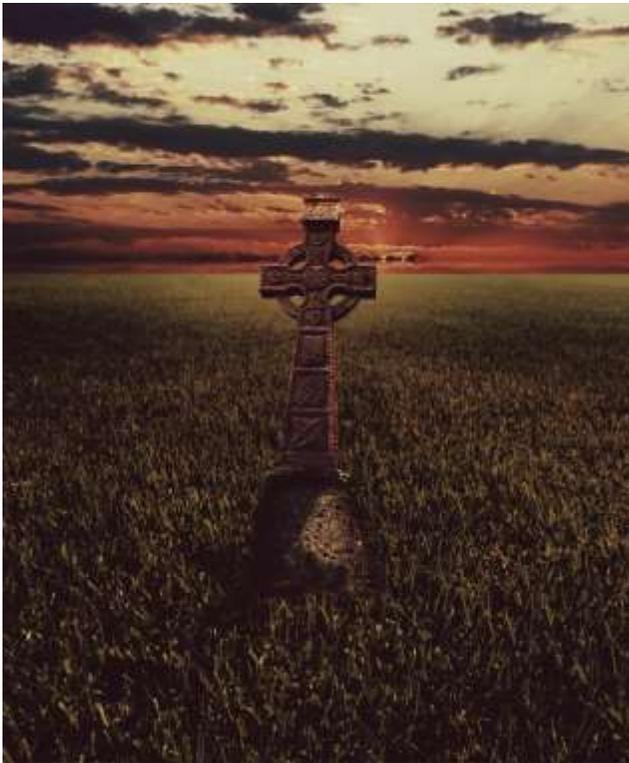
Order of Service for March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent
St. Patrick's Day/ Triple C
Service of Spiritual Communion
9:30 am
Officiating: The Reverend Fergus Tyson
Preaching: The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles



A New Life

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:7-8



The perfect surrender and humiliation were undergone by Christ; perfect because he was God, surrender and humiliation because he was man. Now the Christian belief is that if we somehow share the humility and suffering of Christ, we shall also share in his conquest of death and find a new life after we have died and, in it, become perfect and perfectly happy creatures. This means something much more than our trying to follow his teaching. People often ask when the next step of evolution—the step to something beyond man—will happen. But on the Christian view, it has happened already. In Christ a new kind of man appeared, and the new kind of life which began in him is to be put into us. (C.S. Lewis)

LORD, help me to humble myself, to become obedient, even unto death, that I might share in your life and your glory.

Service of Spiritual Communion

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Morning Has Broken and St. Patrick's Breastplate (screens)

Greeting (screens)

Collect for Purity (screens)

Trisagion (screens)

Call to Worship (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

Children's Time: St Patrick's Breastplate (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

"That's right. The time is coming when I will make a brand-new covenant with Israel and Judah. It won't be a repeat of the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant even though I did my part as their Master." God's Decree. "This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them—write it on their hearts!—and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They'll know me firsthand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned!" God's Decree.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34 (The Message)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (screens)

The Holy Gospel

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

Among those who had come up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They approached Philip with the request, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, and Andrew went with Philip and told Jesus. Jesus told them, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you truly that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain of wheat; but if it does, it brings a good harvest. Whoever loves their own life will destroy it, and those who hate their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. If any want to enter my service, they must follow my way;

and where I am, my servant will also be. And my Father will honour everyone who enters my service. "Now comes my hour of heart-break, and what can I say, 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very purpose that I came to this hour. 'Father, honour your own Name!'" At this there came a voice from Heaven, "I have honoured it and I will honour it again!" When the crowd of bystanders heard this, they said it thundered, but some of them said, "An angel spoke to him." Then Jesus said, "That voice came for your sake, not for mine. Now is the time for the judgment of this world to begin, and now will the spirit that rules this world be driven out. As for me, if I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself." (He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.)

JOHN 12:20-33 (J.B Phillips New Testament, *alt*)

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (screens)

The Prayers of the People

Celtic Litany (screens)

Prayer in Response to COVID-19 (screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory I Heard the Voice of Jesus (Instrumental) (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread (screens)

The Communion (screens)

Prayer for Communion (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

Prayer after Communion (screens)

Celtic Blessing

Closing Hymn: Benediction (screens)

Dismissal (screens)

Virtual Coffee Time Zoom Link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/>

Prayers for This Week

(Bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week.)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the *Church of England*.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for *The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal*; and in the Lutheran Church we pray for *Deacon Michelle Collins, Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod*.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of the parish of *St. Leonard-on-the-Hill, Red Deer and St. George, Harmattan*; and for their clergy *Chris Roth, Barb Borle (Hon.), and Ethel English (Hon.)*.

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray for the safety and well-being of all members of our Parish, and pledge to stay connected with one another and face the challenges of COVID-19 together; we remember our clergy, *Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Bob, and their families*; and we especially uphold all who are infirm, immune-compromised, or on the front lines in this battle.

We pray for our foster child *Desta Keweti*.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you *the family of Joy (Abby's sister)*; Antony; Judy; *Paul; the family of Raymond (uncle of Paul)*; *Dinah; the family of John; Debra, Lori and family of Josie*; Crystal (niece of Rosemarie); *Bill & Pat; Steve*; the family of Bob; *the family of Carmen*; John; *the family of Bonnie; Gerald; Gerald and Louise (Shannon's father and mother)*; *Megan and family, Molly (mother of Sian)*; *the family of Simon; Stephen; Dwight (Dorothy-Ann's cousin)*; *Donna*; Jo; *the family of Brenda (relative of the Collers)*; *the family of Joan (mother of Richard)*; *Tracy; Roxie and the family of Andy; Harry (friend of Ian and Kathleen)*; *Julia; the Herritt family in their bereavement*; *Gina; Gael; Verna and her family; Michael; Barb; Jen; the family of Leslie; Patrick, Jordan; the family of Lene; the family of Helen; Eleanor; Jackie K. (sister of Pauline)*; *Dorothy; the family of Mauricia (mother of Ella)*; Max & Rebecca; *Anne; Dozy & Obie & family; Karla; the family of Kathy; Kevin; Richard (friend of Anne)*; *Terry; Jerrod; Melissa and her family (friends of Jenn)*; Dennis; *Mike; Val; Martin; Chinazor; Sheila; Melissa and her family; Adrianna; Peggy; Bob and Joanne; Laura (sister of Kim)*; *the family of Douglas; Michelle; Ian; Pat; Christine; Rick (brother of Sheila)*; *Gwen; Jacquie; Gwen (aunt of Julie), Jackie (cousin of Julie), Ellen; Pauline*; *Monika (mother of Dennis)*; *Kathy (daughter of Bob & Joanne)*; *Trudy (cousin of Iona)*; *Len; Andrea and Andrew's family; Margaret; Marlene; the family of James (father of Allison)*; *Ginny; and the Rev'd Tim Webster*.

We pray for containment of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide; protection for nurses and all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill.

We pray for all struggling economically, and all those affected by fires, floods, storms or other natural disasters. We pray for us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. *We remember the USA and Iran. We pray for the people Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for those whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We pray for an end to racism and discrimination, and all acts of hatred. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be.* We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.

We thank you for your healing touch, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.



The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.