

Sunday, February 18, 2024 10:00 A.M.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

~ silence~

HYMN # 16 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days
Vs 1, 2 &3 (*Lent hymn booklet)*

Prayer:

~ Breathe ~
Inhale: I know who I am.
Exhale: I am near to myself.

Inhale: I am still being made.
Exhale: I can honour my becoming.

Inhale: I will listen for my voice.
Exhale: I come home to myself.

Confession:
We confess that we have wanted to disappear, sometimes out of self-hatred,
but also out of the incessant terrors of this world.
We have fled from our own interior worlds, afraid of what we might suffer if we become honest. We have resented our own faces, our mannerisms, our desires, and instead have chosen a mask.
We believed this mask to be necessary for our survival.
But we know now, it was erasure.
Rescue us from those illusions that are not for our protection,
and forgive us for all the ways we demand that others hide or mask in our presence.
Have mercy on us, that we may stay near to our own souls. Amen.

(Silence)

Words of Forgiveness

Liturgy adapted from Cole Arthur Riley, Black Liturgies

Kyrie Eleison
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

The First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17
Reader: Carol Gardiner
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22
Reader: Carol Gardiner
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 647 Spirit of the Living God
(*Blue Book)*

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 4-15
Reader: The Rev. Carolyn Herold
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Carolyn Herold*

Choir Anthem: Deep Within

Prayers of The People: *Al Millar*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 2 Tree of Life
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

The Eucharistic Prayer
God is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right that we should praise you,……
…as we sing:

Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy God source of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Holy, holy, holy God source of power and might.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: To you indeed be glory, almighty God, …...
…...the mystery of our faith.

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

Celebrant: Therefore, loving God, …...
…...now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight.

Juleta Severson-Baker

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant: # 10 Ubi Cartitas (*Lenten hymn booklet)*

The Communion

HYMN # 17 Let us Break Bread Together
(Lent hymn booklet)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
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.

HYMN # 9 Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
(*Lent hymn booklet)*

The Dismissal

