

New St. James Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



Detail from *The Crucifixion* (1933), New St. James

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Clark

Director of Music: Torin W. Chiles

Reader: Nawton Chiles

Soloist: Ariel Harwood-Jones

Videographer: Tennyson Chiles

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude *Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy (Restoration)* G. Shearing (1919-2011)

Welcome and Silent Reflection

- * **Call to Worship in Unison** Psalm 25:1, 5
To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

- * **Hymn** O love, how deep, how broad, how high (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR) 205

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

- * **Children's Hymn** Simply trusting every day (TRUSTING JESUS) 689

Word to the Children

Responsive Liturgy for the First Sunday in Lent

Insert

Solo *For the Lord Will Lead* F. Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano

For the Lord will lead all the lost in the right; God teaches the humble the godly way. All who fear You, mighty God, You shall instruct and show them the righteous path, and they shall dwell in steadfast love and goodness. [Psalm 25:8-9, 12-13]

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 9:8-17

p. 7 in O.T.

Psalm in Unison Psalm 25:1-10

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

* **Gloria Patri**

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.

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15

p. 34 in N.T.

Sermon "In You I Trust"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** I rest in God alone (WAINWRIGHT)

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Offering and Offertory *From Depths of Woe, I Cry to Thee (Aus Tiefer Not)*
S. Scheidt (1587-1654)

* **Doxology for Lent** (ROCKINGHAM)

231, verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Announcements

**Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, Commemoration,
and the Lord's Prayer**

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 forever. Amen.

* **Hymn** All my hope on God is founded (MICHAEL)

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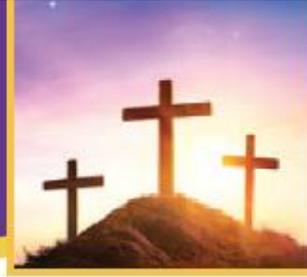
* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. L. Larson (©2008)

* **Please stand, if able.**

First Sunday in Lent



*Adapted from the original
written by the Rev. Mary Whitson*

- L:** Lent is a journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem,
toward the cross, toward resurrection and new life.
We will be transformed and blessed on this journey.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** We undertake the journey knowing we will not remain the same.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** The journey will take time.
We will feel the strain in our bodies and in our souls,
yet love will urge us onward.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** Let us start the journey with prayer:
- All:** God of all times and places,
as we begin the pilgrimage
from life to death to new life,
you will surprise us
and nurture us.
We put our trust in you,
knowing you will guide
and provide for us.
In the name of Jesus we pray,
Amen.



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Igniting the Power of Women and Girls to Decide Their Future

In the small village of Bihar in India, 13-year-old Poonam learned that her parents had arranged for her to be married in a few months.

In many parts of India, early marriages are a common practice and a significant issue—58 percent of girls are married before the age of 18. Girls who are forced into early marriages are taken out of school and made vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections and early pregnancy.

At a PWS&D-supported information session that addressed issues of gender, sexual and reproductive rights in her village, Poonam shared her worries about her marriage with the session leader, Meera.

The next day, Meera met with Poonam's family. The information shared by Meera helped Poonam's parents understand how important it was for Poonam to stay in school. As a result the wedding was postponed and a jubilant Poonam will be able to complete her education.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to empower women and girls with the tools they need to break down barriers of inequality.

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