

New St. James Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
“Following Christ, Worshipping God, Serving Others”
Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.



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

SECOND 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 *My Shepherd Is the King of Love* (*Dominus Regit Me*)

H. Willan (1880-1968)

Welcome and Silent Reflection

* **Call to Worship in Unison** Psalm 13:5-6

I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

* **Hymn** My shepherd is the King of love (DOMINUS REGIT ME)

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Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Words of Assurance

We Hear the Word of God

* **Children's Hymn** I have decided to follow Jesus (ASSAM)

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Word to the Children

Responsive Liturgy for the Second Sunday in Lent

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Solo *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (Ariel Harwood-Jones, soprano) L. Larsen (©2017)
God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store: nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone; born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne. Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred; ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all. [Text: R. L. Edwards]

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

p. 13 in O.T.

Psalm in Unison

 Psalm 22:23-31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

* **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 8:31-38

p. 44 in N.T.

Sermon "Take Up Their Cross"

The Rev. Dr. David Clark

We Respond in Faith and Service

* **Hymn** O Love that wilt not let me go (ST. MARGARET)

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Offering and Offertory *Lord of Light, Whose Name and Splendour* (*Beach Spring*)

W. Wold (©2000)

* **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** Lord of light, whose name and splendour (BETHANY [SMART])

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* **Commission and Benediction**

Postlude *The Way of the Cross Leads Home* (*Way of the Cross*) arr. Ch. Gabriel (©1990)

* **Please stand, if able.**

Second Sunday in Lent



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

- L:** We are not the first to make the journey to Jerusalem;
many have gone before us and many will come after us.
From near and far, God's people gathered to celebrate God's
goodness on the holy mountain.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** Jesus often went to Jerusalem as a child to celebrate Passover.
Now he has set his face toward Jerusalem again,
knowing this time will be different.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem is sombre.
He has no illusions about what is to come.
Still, he goes ahead, doing God's will.
- P:** We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
- L:** Let us pray.
- All:** God of light, we want to follow
in Jesus' footsteps,
but we have our fears and doubts.
We would rather avoid the pain
and darkness on our journey.
Give us courage and perseverance
when the journey is difficult
and the grace to help others
on the road. In the name of Jesus
we pray, Amen.



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Empowering Women in Guatemala

In many indigenous communities in Guatemala, women face domestic violence, poverty and discrimination. Consequently, it's difficult for women to feel safe to voice their concerns, both in their households and local civil society.

PWS&D, through workshops led by local indigenous partners, empowers women to improve self-esteem, learn about their rights and encourage political participation. Women learn the importance of health, nutrition and hygiene, in turn improving their home and family lives.

For Marta Crisóstomo, a 30-year-old mother of a young son, these workshops meant she was able to change the health of her entire family. "I learned how important it is to clean my kitchen, wash my dishes and practice good handwashing to avoid illness," she shared. Marta used the skills she learned to empower herself and her family.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve and equip vulnerable communities by empowering women with the skills and knowledge to advocate for themselves and their families.

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