



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

March 14, 2021

Morning Prayer – Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

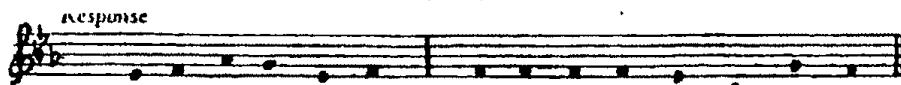
"Ubi caritas (Live in Charity)" - Taize

Welcome and Announcements

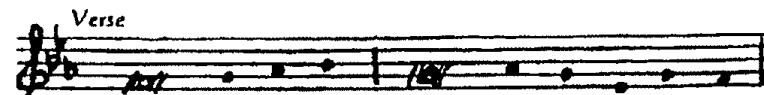
The Rev. Steve Bateman

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-ly 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 179 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

**Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.**

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;

**if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

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

(all stand)

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 Numbers 21:4-9

Allison Kittleson

They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!”

Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

The LORD said to Moses, “Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22



Give thanks unto the Lord, for ‘ he is gracious,
*and his ‘ mercy en ‘ dureth for ‘ ever.
Let them give thanks whom the ‘ Lord • hath re ‘ deemed,
*and de ‘ livered ‘ from ad ‘ versity;
and gathered them out of the lands, from the east and ‘ from the ‘ west,
*from the ‘ north and ‘ from the ‘ south.

They that are foolish are afflicted for ‘ their of ‘ fence,
*and be ‘ cause of ‘ their ‘ wickedness.
Their soul abhorred all ‘ manner of ‘ meat,
*and they were even ‘ hard at ‘ death’s ‘ door.
So they cried unto the ‘ Lord • in their ‘ trouble,
*and he delivered ‘ them from ‘ their dis ‘ tress.
He sent his ‘ word and ‘ healed them,
*and ‘ saved them • from ‘ their des ‘ truction.

O that men would therefore praise the ‘ Lord • for his ‘ goodness,
*and declare the wonders that he doeth ‘ for the ‘ children of ‘ men!
That they would offer unto him the ‘ sacrifices of ‘ thanksgiving,
*and ‘ tell out • his ‘ works with ‘ gladness!

Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Judith Robinson

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and

seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Gradual Hymn: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life- I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

Canon James Robinson

Reader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have

not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Br. Jason Carroll

Anthem: **"Restless Love"**

sung and played by Temi Soboyejo

(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)

Sylvia Besplug

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Pray for Parkland Parish: St. Hilda, Arthurvale, St. David, Elnora, Holy Trinity, Pine Lake, St. Paul, Hillsdown and their clergy Larry Keddie. In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. David and St. Paul, on Grenada and The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those involved in Men's and Women's Groups: Evening Group, Friendship Group, Men's Group and the Cursillo Community.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. (All kneel)

All Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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: “To God Be The Glory”

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain***

**Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer, and higher, and greater will be.
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain***

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 "Mon ame se repose (In God Alone my soul can find Peace)"

Flowers at the altar to the Glory of God

In loving memory of brothers Don, Gordon, Jack, Neil, and sister Janet and my parents

Thank you to our technical crew this morning.

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