



# St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



*Wait for the Lord Psalm 27:14*

*photo by Greg Young*

**Sunday 10:00am Service  
March 7, 2021**

## Morning Prayer – Third Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

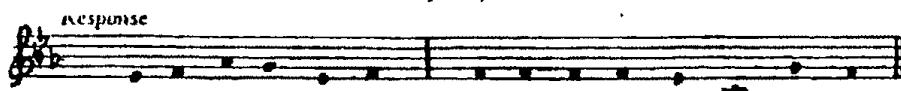
**"Per Crucem (By Your Cross)" - Taize**

Welcome and Announcements

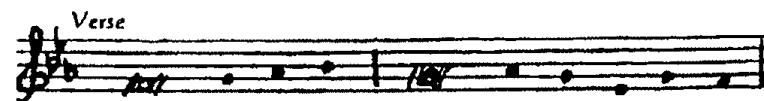
The Rev. Steve Bateman

### 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-ty 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 172 "Now Let Us All with One Accord"**

Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O lord, our sinful race has not returned, but falsified.  
Author of mercy, turn your face and grant repentance for our pride.

**Remember, Lord, though frail we be, in your own image were we made;  
help us, lest in anxiety, we cause your name to be betrayed.**

**Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you forever live in love and unity and peace.**

### **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:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Except in Lent, add,

### 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** Exodus 20:1-17

Michael Larsen

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. “You shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

"You shall not commit adultery.

"You shall not steal.

"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

## Psalm 19



The heavens declare the ' glory of ' God;

\*and the ' firmament ' sheweth his ' handy-work.

One day ' telleth a ' nother;

\*and one night ' certi ' fieth a ' nother.

There is neither ' speech nor ' language;

\*their ' voice can ' not be ' heard;

Yet their sound is gone out into ' all ' lands;

\*and their words ' into the ' ends • of the ' world.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, re ' storing the ' soul;

\*the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth ' wisdom ' unto the ' simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, and re ' joice the ' heart;

\*the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth ' light un ' to the ' eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and en ' dureth for ' ever;

\*the judgements of the Lord are true, and ' righteous ' alto ' gether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than ' much fine ' gold;

\*sweeter also than ' honey, ' and the ' honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy ' servant ' taught;

\*and in keeping of them ' there is ' great re ' ward.

Who can tell how ' oft • he of ' fendeth?

\*O cleanse thou me ' from my ' secret ' faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the do ‘ minion ‘ over me;  
\*so shall I be undefiled and innocent ‘ from the ‘ great of ‘ fence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable ‘ in thy  
‘ sight,

\*O Lord, my ‘ strength and ‘ my re ‘ deemer.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Charis Legg

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”<sup>[1]</sup>

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

**Gradual Hymn:** “Refiners Fire”

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold, pure gold.

**Chorus:**

Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire  
is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for You, my Master,  
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from within and make me holy.  
Purify my heart,  
cleanse me from my sin deep within. Chorus X2

*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.**

The Jewish Passover was approaching and Jesus made the journey up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he discovered cattle and sheep dealers and pigeon-sellers, as well as money-changers sitting at their tables. So he made a rough whip out of rope and drove the whole lot of them, sheep and cattle as well, out of the Temple. He sent the coins of the money-changers flying and turned their tables upside down. Then he said to the pigeon-dealers, "Take those things out of here. Don't you dare turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered the scripture—"Zeal for your house has eaten me up"

As a result of this, the Jews said to him, "What sign can you give us to justify what you are doing?"

"Destroy this temple," Jesus retorted, "and I will rebuild it in three days!"

To which the Jews replied, "This Temple took forty-six years to build, and you are going to rebuild it in three days?"

He was, in fact, speaking about the temple of his own body, and when he was raised from the dead the disciples remembered what he had said to them and that made them believe both the scripture and what Jesus had said."

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

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Steve Bateman

**Anthem:**                  **"Be Thou My Vision"** – arr. Dan Forrest

sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Erinn Roberts

*(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)*

Cathy Gillespie

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Pray for St. Magloire, Drumheller. St. John the Baptist, New Brigden. All Saints, Oyen and their clergy Catherine Holland. In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Alison Samuel.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those involved in ministry of Administration: Parish Treasurer, Envelope Secretary, New Connections Team and Facility Booking Coordinator.

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

*All*    **Father of Mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.**

**When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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:**      178 “Restore in Us O God”

**Restore in us, O God, the splendour of your love;  
Renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**

**O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;  
From fruitless fears unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower.**

**Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;  
Baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.**

**Three-personed God, fulfil the promise of your grace,  
That we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.**

## **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**      “Benedictus (Blessing and Praise)” - Taize

## **Flowers at the altar to the Glory of God**

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In loving memory of Eileen and son Christopher, and our mother Jean and our parents Bill and Iris

Thank you to our technical crew this morning.

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