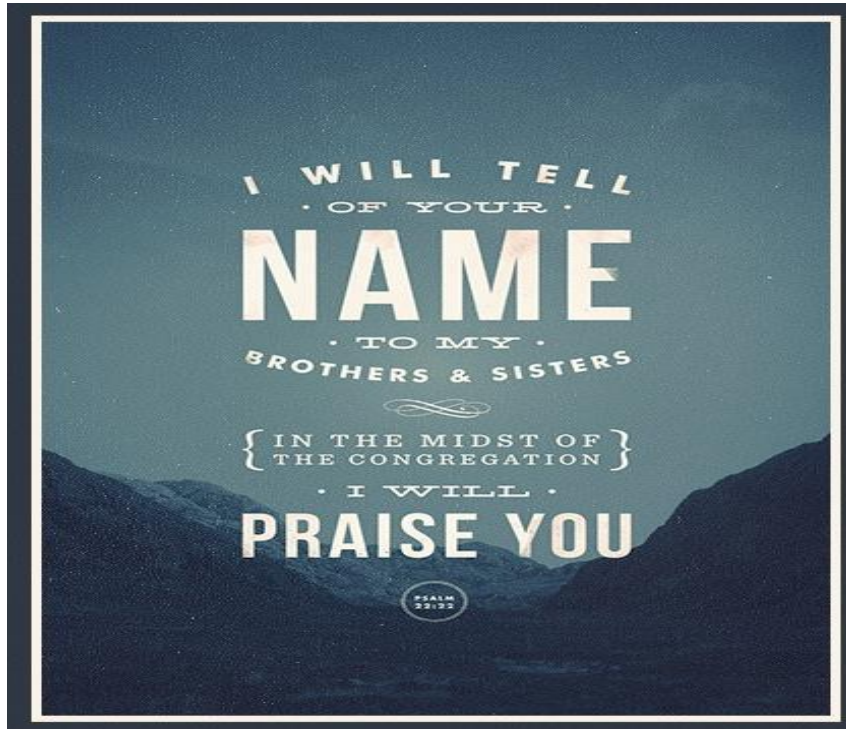


Sunday Morning Worship

28th February 2021

The Second Sunday of Lent



"I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!"

Psalm 22: 22-23

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Worship – Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
born of His Spirit and washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy and whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness and lost in His love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
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Confession

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation into sin...

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on 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. ***Amen.***

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
Grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Affirmation of Faith

If you are able please stand as we affirm our faith:
Let us declare our faith in God.

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Psalm 22: 22-31

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

*Bible Reading –
Sermon*

Prayers and Intercessions

*In our prayers and intercessions this morning, the response to 'In all things, Lord'
will be 'teach us to follow.'*

In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

Loving Father God,
all praise and glory belongs to You,
for the victory comes from You:
the victory of Christ over sin and death.
In Him we are made more than conquerors,
for He has called us into life.
Lord, make us worthy of our calling,
that we might serve You in love and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. *Amen.*

Loving God,
we remember this morning how much Christ loved us,
how much He was willing to sacrifice
and endure for our sakes . . .
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

For us Christ chose the way of the Cross,
the way of love,
the way that leads to life
and life in all its fullness . . .
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

Loving God,
we thank You for the example of Christ:
the faith that gave Him strength
to resist temptation and accept Your will;
the courage to take the path of suffering and death;
and the love that guides us still . . .
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

Forgive us those times when we give so little,
even when we know we have received so much from Him.
Forgive us those times when we are self-seeking,
putting ourselves before others and before You,
shying away from sacrifice and self-denial . . .
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

Loving God,
assure us again of Your constant mercy,
cleanse and renew our hearts,
give us strength, faith and courage
to follow where You would lead us . . .
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

Teach us to hunger and thirst for righteousness,
knowing that You are able to fill us.
Teach us to trust in You always, come what may,
knowing that Your love will never fail us.
Teach us to offer You our worship
through all we are and all we do,

knowing that You alone are God.
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow.

We take a moment now to remember before God all those known to us who are ill,
bereaved and in distress . . .
And we offer to God the prayers of our own hearts . . .

Loving God,
lead us in the days to come,
so that, in trusting and loving You,
we would know Your presence with us always.
In all things, Lord,
teach us to follow. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Let's say together:
**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 Worship – Safe in the Shadow of the Lord

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
Beneath His hand and power,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
My fortress and my tower.

My hope is set on God alone,
Though Satan spreads his snare,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
To keep me in His care.

From fears and phantoms of the night,
From foes about my way,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
By darkness as by day.

His holy angels keep my feet
Secure from every stone;
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
And unafraid go on.

Strong in the everlasting name,
And in my Father's care,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
Who hears and answers prayer.

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
Possessed by love divine,
I trust in Him,
I trust in Him,
And meet His love with mine.

Closing Prayers and Blessing

Go in peace, be very courageous;
hold on to what is good;
do not return evil for evil;
strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak, help the afflicted;
honour all people, love and serve the Lord;
rejoicing in His mighty resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Now may the Lord of peace himself
give you peace at all times and in every way.
The Lord be with you all;
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*