



Third Sunday in Lent - B
March 7, 2021
International Women's Day

Key Scripture - Psalm 19: 3, 4

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.



Theme - Selling Access

Welcome and Announcements

- † Newcomers please sign our guestbook
 - † Special requests may be made through Facebook
 - † Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.
 - Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
 - Office Hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday - Thursday.
- Please phone ahead or from the main doors to gain entrance.
- We are able to accomodate 30 Bubbles or up to 50 when households are considered.

- We are live streamed on Facebook and rebroadcast on COGECO (Your TV) the following Sunday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls. Take Away Meals are subsidized through the generosity of a Community Grant. We are also supported through the kindness of individual benefactors.

Two Guys for Lunch are partners with us.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Introit 121 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

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.

Extinguishing of the Second Lenten Candle

Living Water of salvation
be the fountain of each soul;
Springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.

Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

With the whole firmament, let us proclaim God's handiwork.

The law of the LORD revives the soul.

May God's teaching bring us wisdom in our worship.

Let the words of our mouths

and the meditation of our hearts

be acceptable to you, O LORD,

For you are our rock and redeemer, and so we praise you!

Opening Prayer

Almighty God,

You have set the whirling cosmos in motion
and called all creatures into being.

All that exists speaks of mystery,
yet no detail misses your care.

You know each of us by name,
and make yourself known to those who seek you.

Your wisdom delights the human heart and purifies the soul.

We gather to enjoy your presence with us,
and to listen for your Word for our times and our lives.

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
to you alone all worship, honour and glory are due,
this day and every day, now and always.

Hymn 224 "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

Sing a happy hallelujah,
sing it out with heart and style,
we're the echo of God's laughter,
we're the image of God's smile.

Refrain -

*Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!*

We're the proof of God's good humour,
we're the twinkle in God's eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced.

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!

Refrain -

***Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah, everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!***

Time With Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Reconciliation

God of majesty and mercy,

**We are aware that you are present,
drawing near to us.**

Yet we are often distracted from your presence.

Many things compete for our attention.

We are tempted to seek things that cannot truly satisfy.

**We envy those who are successful in the world's terms,
and so pursue our own desires,
without questioning the cost to the earth
or those in need.**

Forgive us.

Send us the Holy Spirit

to awaken us to your purposes

and pursue them with renewed commitment,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Assurance of Blessing

Paul declared that the message of the Cross is foolishness to many,
but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.

By this power, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God for the wisdom to live as forgiven people.

Scripture Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19 (VU 740)
 John 2:13-22

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Psalm 19 (VU 740)

Refrain -

The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.

The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

One day speaks to another,

and night shares its knowledge with night,

And this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.

But their sound goes out to all the lands,

their words to the ends of the earth.

Refrain -

The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

Its rising is at one end of the sky,

it runs its course to the other,

and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.

Refrain -

The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;
God's instruction is sure,
giving wisdom to the simple;
God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;
God's commandment is pure
giving light to the eyes;
God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
God's judgements are true,
every one of them righteous;
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
pure honey from the comb.

Refrain -

The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.

By them is your servant warned;
for in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern unwitting sins?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.
Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the better of me.
Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Refrain -

The precepts of our God give joy to the heart.

Let the words of my mouth
and the thoughts of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Meditation "Prayer" from "Hansel and Gretel" (Humperdink)

Reflection

Hymn MV 12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"

Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,
From failing embers build a blazing fire;
Love strong enough to overturn injustice,
To seek a world more gracious,
Come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
Create a space for spirit to grow in us,
Let life and beauty fill us,
Come touch and bless our souls.

Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
Help us to open doors of understanding,
To welcome truth and wisdom,
Come touch and bless our minds.

Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;
That we may rise to follow and to serve,
Steady now our nerve,
Come touch and bless our wills.

Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;
That we may love you with our heart, our soul,
Our mind, our strength, our all,
Come touch us with your grace

**We Respond to God's Word
Offering Ourselves
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

Invitation to the Offering

When Jesus grew angry at the money changers in the temple, he reminded God's people that our offerings are intended to express our commitment to God's ways. As you present your offering to God this day, consider what commitment to God's purposes your gift expresses.

Offering Prayer

You challenge your followers to give with thanksgiving. Receive our gifts as an expression of our commitment to you and your ministry.

Bless them and us, and use all that we can give to offer hope and healing in the world you love. Amen.

Hymn MV 133 "Jesus Laughed Out Loud"

Jesus laughed out loud to see the children play;
His joyful presence drew a crowd we could not send away.
Jesus healed a child by asking her to rise,
And doubtful people wept and smiled to see her open eyes.

Jesus felt the need; we made the crowd sit down.
A boy had faith and all were fed, though we were far from town.

Jesus climbed a hill to pray and rest alone;
We wondered why we felt the chill of wind and wood and stone.

Jesus called my name when he was passing by;
My life will never be the same; this love will never die.

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

We thank you for the world you created
the opportunities we have to enjoy its beauty
and its life sustaining promise.

When we find occasions to breathe in fresh air,
remind us of our partnership with you to care for creation.

As spring comes closer and each day lengthens,
reawaken our hope in your promise of new life
to sustain us as the weeks of the pandemic stretch on.

Ever present God,

We thank you for walking with us through days of uncertainty
as well as times of pleasure and satisfaction.

In times of risk and stress, you provide a still point of calm.

In times of challenge, you are the source of courage and
confidence for us.

Thank you for hearing us when we pray,

and for the wisdom and encouragement we receive from you.

This day we pray for those who are struggling with isolation and
frustration the pandemic means for so many. Bring them peace and
patience with your love.

We pray for churches whose common life has been changed by
months of distancing. Keep us strong in faith and fellowship, so that we
may serve as agents of healing and hope in our communities.

We pray for our nation and the nations of this world. May leaders
confront the challenges of this time with courage, wisdom and
compassion. Guide citizens to discern the difference between conspiracy
and truth.

We pray for innocent victims of violence around the world. Work
through advocates for peace with justice to bring change where it is
needed, and daily bread to those whose lives and livelihoods have been
disrupted.

And we pray for all those who are enduring pain and illness, those
who are facing grief and loss, and those who work on the front lines in our
community, in health care, education, retail, emergency and public service.

So many are exhausted by these months of pandemic. Be their comfort and encouragement day by day.

Hear us now, as we pray together using the words Jesus taught us.

Prayers conclude with:

We experience God in a relationship from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; Father, Mother, Friend; may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 624 "Give To Us Laughter"

Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.

Laughter can banish so much of our strife.

Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.

Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy,

Let us in laughing find Christian employ,

Joining with stars and with bright northern lights,

Laughing and praising and sharing delights.

Why do we worry that we will lose face?

Why act like king for the whole human race?

Often in family and often with friend,

Laughing at pride causes anguish to end.

Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
 Laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
 Joys of your presence among us increase.

Benediction

God speaks, and sends us forth.

We will proclaim God's grace and glory.

Jesus speaks, and lives are changed.

We will set free the oppressed.

The Spirit speaks, and the world is turned inside out.

We will become as foolish as a trusting child,

**as powerless as those overlooked by everyone around
them.**

Choral Amen

Postlude Postlude: "Solace" (Joplin)