

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions  
Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022**

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Cast your burden upon the Lord,  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
Cast me not away from your presence  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
Blessed be the Lord day by day,

**And he will sustain you.  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounding love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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**Joshua 5:9-12**

**Psalm 32**

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
    who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”  
11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
    but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.  
12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
    shout for joy, all who are true of heart.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
    as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)**

### **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.**

### **Our Father, We Have Wandered**

**Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.  
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,  
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.**

**And now at length discerning the evil that we do,  
behold us Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness here to greet us with feast and robe and ring.**

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### **The Prayer of the People (see litany below and...)**

**Parish Prayer cycle: Patricia Stanley, Bev Sleaver**

**Our prayers have been requested for: Wendy, Thelma, Vivian&Junior, and the family of Spruce Mullholland as they grieve her death. We pray for all those who serve on the front lines in the midst of this pandemic and our Archbishop, Anne Germond. We also pray for the parish St. Brice's, North Bay. The Rev. Dr. Peter Armstrong, The Ven. Marie Loewen (Hon.)**

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the day.**

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.

### **Collect for Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **The Lord's prayer**

#### **The Love of Jesus Calls Us**

**The love of Jesus calls us our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.**

**The love of Jesus calls us, that we always be  
companions on a journey, where all the world may see  
that serving Christ is freedom which time does not destroy;  
where Christ's command is duty, and every duty joy.**

**The love of Jesus calls us to go where he would go,  
to challenge all that limits, to change, to learn, to grow,  
to know that Christ has freed us, that prisons are no more;  
for those who seek his kingdom, Christ opens every door.**

**The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,  
to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;  
that God with men and women may so transform the earth,  
that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.**

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### **Final Blessing & Dismissal**

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God!

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