

Sunday 26th. February, 2023 11.00 am

The First Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 243 Touch the earth lightly,

1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster -
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!

3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.

4 God of all living,
God of all loving,

God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently, and making us one.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 641 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.

3 You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;.
Allelu, alleluia.

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Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Hymn 239 When your Father made the world, before that world was old,

- 1 When your father made the world, before that world was old,
to his eye what he had made was lovely to behold,
Help your people to care for your world.
*The world is a garden you made,
And you are the one who planted the seed,
The world is a garden you made,
A life for our food, life for our joy,
Life we could kill with our selfish greed.*
- 2 And the world that he had made, the seas, the rocks, the air,
All the creatures and the plants he gave into our care.
Help your people to care for your world.
Chorus
- 3 When you walked in Galilee, you said your Father knows
When each tiny sparrow dies, each fragile lily grows.
Help your people to care for your world.
Chorus
- 4 And the children of the earth, like sheep within your fold,
Should have food enough to eat, and shelter from the cold.
Help your people to care for your world.
Chorus

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St. Matthew 4:1-11

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 378 Praise to the Holiest in the height,

- 1 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
when all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
- 4 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
- 5 And in the garden secretly,
and on the Cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

6 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)