

Sunday 5th. March, 2023 11.00 am

The Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 81 I to the hills will lift mine eyes. (Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes:
from whence doth come mine aid?
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

2 Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

3 The Lord thee keeps; the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay;
the moon by night thee shall not smite
nor yet the sun by day.

4 The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill;
henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 600 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

1 You spoke to us, long, long ago,
Gave us the written Word;
We read it still, needing its truth
Through it God's voice is heard.
Chorus

2 Without your help, we fail our Lord,
We cannot live His way,
We need Your power, we need Your strength,
Following Christ each day.
Chorus

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Genesis 12:1-4a

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Hymn 549 How deep the Father's love for us,

1 How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

3 I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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St. John 3:1-17

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 561 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

1 Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine:
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation purchase of God;
Born of his Spirit, 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.*

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love:
Chorus

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest -
I in my Saviour am happy and blest -
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
Chorus

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)