

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 11.00 am

The Second Sunday in Lent

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## Welcome & Intimations

### Introit

### Call to Worship

## Hymn 160 Praise my soul, the King of Heaven (Psalm 111)

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like you his praise should sing?  
Praise him! praise him!  
praise the everlasting King.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same for ever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him! praise him!  
glorious in his faithfulness.
- 3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise him! praise him!  
widely as his mercy flows.
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind, and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him! praise him!

praise the high eternal one.

- 5 Angels, help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! praise him!  
praise with us the God of grace.

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### Call to Prayer

### Prayer of Approach and Confession

### Children's Address

## Hymn 432 How often, we, like Thomas

- 1 How often we, like, Thomas,  
need proof before we trust.  
Lord Jesus, friend of doubters,  
come, speak your truth to us.  
We long to feel your presence,  
and gain new faith from you,  
to find, without our seeing,  
the blessing Thomas knew.
- 2 You always stand among us,  
no doors can lock you out.  
Your presence reassures us,  
Though we still live with doubt.  
At present-day disciples,  
Whose lives by sin are flawed,  
we want to come believing,  
and cry: 'My Lord, my God!'

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Psalm 16

St. John 20:19-31

**Hymn 596 Breathe on me, Breath of God**

- 1 Breathe on me, Breath of God  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love,  
and do what you would do.
- 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with you I will one will,  
to do and to endure.
- 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
direct my heart's desire,  
till every earthly part of me  
glows with your holy fire.
- 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life  
of your eternity.

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**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 465 Be thou my Vision, O' Lord of my heart**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight,  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight.  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of Heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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**Benediction**

**Choral Amen (3-fold)**