

Sunday 3rd March, 2024 11.00 am

The Third Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 153 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me*

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10, 000 beside

Thomas O. Chisholm(1866-1960)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 530 One more step along the world I go,

1 One more step along the world I go,
one more step along the world I go;
from the old things to the new
keep me travelling along with you:

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.*

2 Round the corner of the world I turn,
more and more about the world I learn;
all the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me:

3 As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me travelling the way I should;
where I see no way to go
you'll be telling me the way, I know:

4 Give me courage when the world is rough,
keep me loving though the world is tough;
leap and sing in all I do,
keep me traveling along with you:

5 You are older than the world can be,
you are younger than the life in me;
ever old and ever new,
keep me travelling along with you:

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Exodus 20:1-17

Hymn 469 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!

1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That all may see and come with reverent fear

To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

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1 Corinthians 1:18-25

St. John 2:13-22

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 10 The stars declare his glory:(Psalm 19)

- 1 The stars declare his glory ;
the vault of heaven springs
mute witness of the Master's hand
in all created things,
and through the silences of space
their soundless music sings.
- 2 The dawn returns in splendour,
the heavens burn and blaze,
the rising sun renews the race
that measures all our days,
and writes in fire across the skies
God's majesty and praise.
- 3 So shine the Lord's commandments
to make the simple wise ;
more sweet than honey to the taste,
more rich than any prize,
a law of love within our hearts,
a light before our eyes.
- 4 So order too this life of mine,
direct it all my days ;
may meditations of my heart
be innocence and praise,
my rock and my redeeming Lord,
in all my words and ways.

based on Psalm 19 Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)