

Sunday 10th March, 2024 11.00 am

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 393 We turn to God when we are sorely pressed;

1. We turn to God when he is sorely pressed;
we pray for help, and ask for peace and bread;
we seek release from illness, guilt and death;
all people do, in faith or unbelief.

2. We turn to God when he is sorely pressed,
and find him poor, scorned, without roof and bread
bowed under weight of weakness, sin and death:
faith stands by God in his dark hour of grief.

3. God turns to us when we are sorely pressed,
and feeds our souls and bodies with his bread;
for one and all Christ gives himself in death;
through his forgiveness sin will find relief.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 765 God's love is for everybody,

God's love is for everybody,
everyone around the world;
you and me and all God's children
from across the street to around the world,
across the street to around the world.

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Numbers 21:4-9

Hymn 71 Give thanks unto the Lord our God. (Psalm 107)

1 Give thanks unto the Lord our God.
How good and kind is he
whose tender mercy shall endure
through all eternity.
Let God's redeemed repeat these words
and give him thanks and praise
who rescued them from hostile hands,
preserved them all their days.

2 He gathered them from out the lands,
from north, south, east, and west.
They strayed in desert's pathless way,
no city found to rest.
Their weary soul within then faints
when thirst and hunger press;
in trouble then they cried to God;
he saved them from distress.

3 He made the way before them straight,
and he became their guide,
that they might to a city go
wherein they might abide.
Let all the children of the Lord
now praise him for his grace,
and for the works of wonder done
in every time and place!

Psalm 107, verses 1-8 The Scottish Psalter 1929
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Ephesians 2:1-10
St. John 3:14-21

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 450 Christ is the world's Redeemer,

1 Christ is the world's redeemer,
the lover of the pure,
the fount of heavenly wisdom,
our trust and hope secure,
the armour of his soldiers,
the lord of earth and sky,
our health while we are living,
our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surrounded
with clouds of martyrs bright
who wave their palms in triumph
and fire us for the fight.
For Christ the cross ascended
to save a world undone
and suffering for the sinful
our full redemption won.

3 Down in the realm of darkness
he lay a captive bound,
but at the hour appointed
he rose, a victor crowned,
and now, to heaven ascended,
he sits upon the throne
in glorious dominion,
his Father's and his own.

4 Glory to God the Father,
the unbegotten One;
all honour be to Jesus,
His sole-begotten Son;
and to the Holy Spirit-
the perfect Trinity.

Let all the worlds give answer:
'Amen-so let it be!'

Christe, Redemptor omnium ex Patre Patris attributed to Columba of Iona tr Duncan McGregor (1854-1923)

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)