

ORDER OF SERVICE
21 February 2021
Lent 1

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine	SCE 52/CCLI#22324	Fiona Binney
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	What a beautiful name Oceans [Where feet may fail]	CCLI#7068424 CCLI#6428767	Fiona Binney
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Selena/Emily
Song	Day by Day (I am carried)	P&W 835/CCLI#2191081	Fiona Binney
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15		Gavin Caird
Message	<i>Signs of promise – The Rainbow Connection</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	The Power and the Glory of your name	SCE 512/P&W 731/CCLI#1406901	Fiona Binney
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Affirmation of Faith for Lent		
Offering Dedication	Rev Allan Smith		
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Amazing Grace, (My chains are gone)	CCLI#4768151	Fiona Binney
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	Oh Heaven is in my Heart [God is so good/Amazing Grace medley]	P&W 623/CCLI#738261	Fiona Binney
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	Chorus -Oh Heaven is in my Heart [God is so good/Amazing Grace medley]	P&W 623/CCLI#738261	Fiona Binney

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Gavin Caird
Song Selector	Fiona Binney
Piano	Craig Binney
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	Isaiah Kafoa
Data Operator	Ian Anderson
Power Point Producer	Ian Anderson
Offering Collectors	NA
Communion Bread	NA

Blessed is the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God, in whom we put our trust.

Glory to God, who remains faithful to us.

Glory to God, who leads us away from temptation,

Glory to God, who leads us into new life.

Glory to God, who forgives us and loves us.

Glory to God, who sent us Jesus Christ.

Let us give all praise, glory and honour to God,

Who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty.

Glory to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us worship God.

SONG [Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

On this first Sunday in Lent
we gather,
seeking the intimate presence of the Holy One
whose rainbow promise we see in the sky
and in oil-slicked puddles on the road.

We yearn to have the Breath of grace
open our eyes to the signs of the promises,
open our ears to the murmurs of the faithfulness,
and open our mouths to sing the praise
and speak the love,
of the Source of grace.

In this Lenten journey,
knowing that we hang onto the things
we would be better leaving behind;
and being scared to let go of our comforts ... our riches,
the things that make life easy for us;
we yearn to have the Breath of grace
enable us, like Noah,
to leave behind the things that hold us back
from setting out on the voyage to which we are called
as followers of Jesus, Word of grace;
to pick up and carry with us
the things that refresh our lives;
hope, love, renewal ... Amen.

SONGS [What a beautiful name](#)

[Oceans \(Where feet may fail\)](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we worship and adore you. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colours of a rainbow.

Like Noah and his family, we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life.

And at Jesus' baptism, the sky again revealed your love when you identified him as your beloved Son, strengthening him with the same Spirit who empowers and strengthens each of us.

For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of faithfulness, we confess that we have been unfaithful. We have put our trust in worldly goods and wealth. We have put our trust in leaders who seek their own interests and fail the people. We have turned away from you, who have never abandoned us, but we have abandoned your ways.

Forgive us for our misplaced trust and misguided faith. Lead us back to you. Guide us in our lives to love our neighbour as ourselves and to seek forgiveness where we have wronged others and you. Lead us into Your New Life now that leads to eternal life in your reign. Guiding Spirit, lead us onward into your paths. In the name of Christ, who shows us the Way, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ suffered for sins, once for all,
the righteous for the unrighteous,
in order to bring you to God.
Through the mercy of Christ, God remembers you
but not your faults or your sins.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
Be at peace.
Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Day by Day \(I am carried\)](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Genesis 9:8-17](#)

[1 Peter 3:18-22](#)

[Mark 1:9-15](#)

SERMON [Signs of Promise](#) [sermon.mp3](#)

SONG [The Power and the Glory of your name](#)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

Covenant-keeping God, whose promise is rock solid; we offer our lives and these signs of our daily living—not simply that bread might fill empty stomachs, but that, through the working of your Holy Spirit, empty lives may be filled, friendless, lonely lives find intimacy, depressed lives given hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mighty Creator, you established your covenant with Noah and every living creature. You promised you would always be merciful and forgive our unfaithfulness. Help us to repent for being irresponsible and for neglecting to care for all that you have made. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Gen 9:8-17)

God of all nations, we hope for peace. Help us to know your will; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us to practice your love of all people. Guide the leaders of all nations to practice compassionate justice. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Ps 25:1-9)

Gracious Saviour, your life, death and resurrection have given us great good news to share. At our baptism you called us into the ministry of proclaiming your love. Make us bold in our proclamation in word and deed. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Healing Lord, bring your kingdom's power into our lives to sustain us when we are hurting. We ask your presence with these children of God:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Come near and bring your healing touch. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. (Mark 1:9-15)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Amazing Grace. \(My chains are gone\)](#)

SONG [Oh Heaven is in my Heart \[God is so good/Amazing Grace medley\]](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,
even when you are led into wild and hard places.
With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God,
and with fasting and prayer,
strengthen yourselves against the ways of the tempter.

And may the grace...

Affirmation of Faith: Lent

I believe in God the Creator,
who made me and all things,
who set me on my path in this world.

I believe in God the Saviour,
who is one with the Creator,
who rescued me and all creation
from the depredations of our violations
against God and creation.

This man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ,
walked a path through this world,
taking on human form having been born of a woman
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
He lived and worked in this world among people just like me.
He walked God's path to death on a cross,
and rose from the dead to open our pathway to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, my counselor and guide,
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,
who through the body and blood of Jesus
brings me into communion with all people, past, present and future;
who calls me to walk a sacred way of life through this world,
caring for creation and the people I meet on the way,
loving them, helping them, welcoming them without prejudice,
being God's hands and feet in the world.

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HOLY COMMUNION: Lent 1 Year B

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for in tenderness and faithful love
you forgive our sins and guide us when we stray.

When the ancient flood destroyed the world you had created,
you saved Noah and his family from the waters,
and established a covenant with them
and with every living creature for all time.

In later times your Son, Jesus,
came forth from the waters of baptism,
and after proving himself in the wilderness
where waves of temptation threatened to engulf him,
he began proclaiming the good news of your kingdom,
calling people to repent and believe in the gospel.

He was cast down to the land of the dead
where he preached even to those lost in the flood,
but you raised him to new life
and seated him at your side
to reign over every authority and power for ever.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks
for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us
to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying
you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...