

ORDER OF SERVICE
6 March 2022
Lent 1

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	You Who Dwell (On Eagle's Wings)	TIS 48	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Jesus Messiah Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)	CCLI# 5183443 CCLI# 7019974	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Emily/Selena
Song	Seek Ye First	TIS 745	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13		Annette Mison
Message	<i>The Secret to Security</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	In Your Hands (I'm so secure)	SCE 221/CCLI# 193525	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Affirmation of Faith: Lent		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Behold the Lamb	CCLI# 5003372	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting)	CCLI# 7127647	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song	King of Kings (In the darkness we were waiting)	CCLI# 7127647	

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Annette Mison
Song Selector	Ros Bambrick
Piano	Emily Field
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	Tony Leong
Sound System	Wise 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 (*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16*)

Whoever dwells under the protection of the Most High,
lives in the shadow of the Almighty:

***“O LORD, you are my refuge and my stronghold;
my God in whom I trust.”***

If you make the Most High your dwelling place
evil will not fall to you,

and no disaster will come near your tent.

For he will order his messengers to be with you,

to watch over you in all your ways

With their hands they will hold you up,

lest you strike your foot on a rock

You will tread on the lion and the cobra,

and trample the young lion and the serpent.

Truly, any person who loves me I will bring to safety,

and anyone who knows my name I will keep out of harm's way,

and anyone who will call on me I will answer,

and be with in distress,

and rescue,

and bring honour,

and satisfy with long life,

and show my saving work.

Let us worship God

SONG [You Who Dwell \(On Eagle's Wings\)](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

In the quiet of this moment, in the stillness of this place, draw near to us, O God. As we seek the shelter of your refuge, as we celebrate the bounty of your provision, hearken to our need, Holy One. Transform this time and place into our land of milk and honey—a land where you are among us, a land where your mighty hand and your outstretched arm protect us, a land where you alone are worthy of our worship and service. We ask this in the saving name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

SONG [Jesus Messiah](#)

[Broken Vessels \(Amazing Grace\)](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Hope is the inheritance you gift to us, God our trust,
so we might discover that when we are tempted
we may call out to you for help;
that even when we stumble during our journey,
we are carried in your hands.

Grace is the inheritance you share with us, Brother of strangers,
not that we might hoard it for ourselves and loved ones only,
but we would be willing to be generous to all we meet,
making no distinction when it comes to our sisters and brothers.

Peace is the inheritance we receive from you, Spirit of salvation,
not that we might settle in and claim it only for a special few,
but that we might turn it into that place of refuge for all,
where mercy and hope flow into each person's life.

All that we have is an inheritance from you,
God in Community, Holy in One,
blessings to be shared with all. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs:

Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

A time of silence for personal confession

Merciful God, save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. Forgive us our sins and fill us with the joy and peace of your salvation. So strengthen us with your Spirit during this Lenten season that we put our whole trust in you as confidently as Jesus did. This we pray in his name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

No one who believes in Christ will be put to shame.
Trust in the power of God that raised Christ from the dead,
and you will be set right with God;
confess Jesus Christ as Lord,
and you will be saved.

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
be at peace for your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [Seek Ye First](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Deuteronomy 26:1-11](#)

[Romans 10:8b-13](#)

[Luke 4:1-13](#)

SERMON [The secret to security](#)

SONG [In Your Hands \(I'm so secure\)](#)

OFFERING

We bring these gifts to you, O God, in recognition and gratitude for your loving provision. We offer you our very lives and bow before you in tribute to your many blessings. Take us and use us, that your will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. This we pray in the name of the One who came in holy love, that we might have abundant life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving and Compassionate God, you know that the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and that our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. We pray that you would keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted as we are tempted – but resisted the wiles of the evil one.

Father, in those moments when our weaknesses and our strengths are tested, fill us with your holy presence that we may always remember whose we are. Keep from us the temptation to give up on seeking to do your will, and shield us from the despair that doubts your goodness. Help us to remember that you are the one who is able to move the rock aside, the one who gives new life.

Lord, we pray to you for healing and courage and grace to live on. We ask this both for ourselves and for others.

This morning, we pray especially for...

O Lord our God, listen to the voice of your church, calling to you from the desert of this world. Protect us with your strong hand and outstretched arm, that, nourished by the bread of your word and fortified by your Spirit we may proclaim the good news of your love to all people in word and deed, even as Jesus showed us. We ask it in his name. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Behold the Lamb](#)

SONG [King of Kings \(In the darkness we were waiting\)](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now, confessing Christ as Lord, in word and deed.
Worship and serve the Lord your God and no other.
Stand firm in the time of trial;
tell the story of God's goodness,
and trust in the Lord whose saving word is always with you.

And may the grace...

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It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you put your saving word on our lips and in our hearts
and strengthen us to endure in times of trial.

You created the world in all its glory
and called forth crops from the ground.
When your people were oppressed and enslaved,
you reached out your hand to save them,
and gave them a land flowing with milk and honey.

You sent your son, Jesus Christ,
as the first fruits of a harvest of righteousness.
He stood firm against the devil's temptations,
trusting instead in your saving word,
and offering his worship and service to you alone.

When the forces of evil cast him into the grave,
you raised him from the dead
and made him Lord of all.
Now you save all who trust him,
and confess him as Lord in word and deed.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...