

ORDER OF SERVICE
27 March 2022 – Tannum Sands
 Lent 4

GATHER			
Call to Worship			Rev Allan Smith
Hymn/Song	To God be the glory	TIS 147	
Prayer of Invocation			Rev Allan Smith
Praise Time (10min)	Jesus, lover of my soul Jesus take me as I am	SCE 290/P&W 681 SCE 297/SIS 318	
Welcome & Visitors candles, Celebrations, Green Cards			Rev Allan Smith
Prayer: Adoration, Confession, Declaration of Forgiveness			Rev Allan Smith
Passing the Peace			
Children's Story			Wayne
Song	I am carried	P&W 835	
HEAR THE WORD			
Bible Readings	Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32		Nortons
Message	<i>The ministry of reconciliation</i>		Rev Allan Smith
Song (Optional)	You rescued me	SCE 605	
RESPOND			
Affirmation of Faith	Nicene Creed		
Offering Dedication			Rev Allan Smith
Notices & Concerns of the Church			Rev Allan Smith
Prayers of the People			Rev Allan Smith
Communion Song	Come as you are	TIS 693	
Communion	Rev Allan Smith & Elders		
Song (after Communion)	God gives us a future	TIS 678	
BLESS			
Mission/Benediction			Rev Allan Smith
Benediction/Going Out Song			

Preaching	Rev Allan Smith
Worship Introduction	Rev Allan Smith
Notices of the Church & Prayers of the People	Rev Allan Smith
Bible Reader	Nortons
Song Selector	
Piano	Carolyn
Backup Singers	
Additional Music	
Sound System	
Data Operator	
Power Point Producer	
Offering Collectors	
Communion Bread	

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 *(Based on 2 Cor. 5:16-21)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Everyone joined to Christ is a new creation.

The old has passed away, and the new has come.

All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making all people his friends as well.

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God makes his appeal through us to the world.

Let us worship God.

SONG [To God be the Glory](#)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God - we gather before you this day for many reasons. Some of us seek no more than the peace and the fellowship of this sanctuary. Some of us are looking for encouragement as we walk the path that you set before us. Others of us are hoping for a word from you - some wisdom - some sign - that will help us through a period of affliction or show us how to deal with a problem that we have. Still others of us are here because we know that it is the right thing to do - that it helps us and helps our families to grow together in love and understanding. Many are the reasons we have for coming before you at this time O God. We ask your blessing upon us - and pray that you will answer the need that is in us through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

SONG [Jesus, lover of my soul](#)

[Jesus take me as I am](#)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of steadfast love, you give us so many reasons to rejoice - the best reason of all is having been brought so close to you in Jesus. Through him you enable us to be new people - part of your new creation. And you have entrusted us with the task of continuing to give shape to this new creation by commissioning us as ambassadors of Christ. By aligning our hearts with yours, we can speak the words to others, which you have spoken to us in Christ: "You are loved. You are forgiven. You are saved." We praise you and adore you, O God, as we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father God, we have failed to see each other as your children. We claim to see each other as brothers and sisters, but we put others down and we puff ourselves up. We think we are more worthy than others, and we judge how others believe and live. Forgive us for not seeing through your eyes, for not serving through your hands, for not walking together with your feet. Call us away from the view of the world, and instead look to you, and see the beautiful prism of life reflected in your light. In the name of Christ, who came into this world to become our brother, we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Whoever does the will of God is our brother and sister, our mother and father. God has called us away from the earthly divisions and bonds into a greater community of faith. May we live as forgiven and loved people, and see all others in the same forgiveness and love.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG [I am carried](#)

BIBLE READINGS

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

SERMON [*The ministry of reconciliation*](#)

SONG [You rescued me](#)

OFFERING

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave yourself to us at such huge cost, to reconcile us to God and to create us into new people. In thanksgiving, we offer these gifts and the service of our lives to you, to be used to further the task of reconciling the world to God. Strengthen us with your Spirit that we may be your faithful ambassadors and eager agents of reconciliation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Loving God, we come before you today aware of how you call us to be like you - remembering that you made us in your own image - that you entrusted to us this world and all that is in it - that you gave to us brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, people to love and to enjoy and to work for and pray for.

Help us dear God to remember our own sin before you and how you forgive it - help us to remember the Cross of Christ - and why he died upon it. And make us messengers of your reconciling love, ambassadors for your kingdom, people who show forth your grace, and celebrate with your joy.

Father - as we pray for the specific needs upon our hearts today - for those we have already named - and those who are named in our hearts at this time - we ask that you give to us the faith to know that you hear our prayers and the eyes and ears to look for the answers that you made and the heart to thank you for what you do:

This morning, we pray especially for...

Father - thank you for being with us - thank you for your daily help as we deal with the stuff that happens to us and to our neighbours - thank you for listening and for answering - through Christ Jesus our Lord and our friend. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG [Come as you are](#)

SONG [God gives us a future](#)

WORD OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go now as ambassadors for Christ
and proclaim God's message of reconciliation.
Trust in God, rejoice in the Lord,
and celebrate God's grace as it enfolds even the unworthy.

And may the grace...

HOLY COMMUNION: Lent 4 Year C

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are your ways and thoughts above ours.

You spread out creation like a rich banquet
and poured forth blessings like an ever-flowing stream.
In the days of Moses, you rescued your people from slavery,
and nourished them in the wilderness.

In your child, Jesus Christ,
you have met us in our suffering again.
When he was killed,
he opened the way through the deep waters of death
to the promised land of resurrection life.

Remembering this, we cling to you,
sheltered beneath your wings,
thankful that though disaster may beset us
and push us to the limits of our endurance,
you will replenish our strength, without cost,
from your overflowing table,
and so enable us to stand firm
and rest trustingly in your abundant mercy.

And so we praise you...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WORD OF MISSION AND BENEDICTION

And may the grace...