

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Sunday next before Lent**

**Reading 1:** 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2

**Gospel:** Luke 9: 28 – 43a

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Psalm: 99**

The LORD is great in Zion  
he is exalted over all the peoples.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name  
Holy is he!

Extol the LORD our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy

**Song:** (*click link*) Way Maker <https://youtu.be/EXQGTInPpZU>

**Invitation to Confession:**

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.  
Let us then renounce our wilfulness  
and ask his mercy by confessing our sins  
in penitence and faith.

**Confession:**

Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

### **Absolution:**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins  
and restore us in His image  
to the praise and glory of His name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Lord  
for he has heard the voice of our prayer;  
Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
and in our song will we praise our God.

### **Reading 1:** 2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4: 2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

***This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.***

### **Gospel: Luke 9: 28 – 43a**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

### **Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon**

<sup>37</sup> On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup> Just then a man from the crowd shouted, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only

child. <sup>39</sup> Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It throws him into convulsions until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup> I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' <sup>41</sup> Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' <sup>42</sup> While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup> And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

***This is the gospel of the Lord.***

***Praise be to you, O Christ.***

**Talk:** (click link) <https://youtu.be/ZJoXUAqLhtM>

**Song:** The splendour of the King <https://youtu.be/EpxOji1XTvc>

*Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **The Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.*

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church....  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.....

Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

For peace in the world.....  
That a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples.  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick and all who suffer.....  
For refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected,  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

For those whom we have injured or offended.....  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
In your mercy, hear us.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

In communion with all those who have walked in the way of holiness.....  
Let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion  
In your mercy, hear us.

God our Father,  
in your love and goodness, you have taught us  
to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Silence is kept.***

**Collect:**

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives;  
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills  
to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Special collect for peace in the world.**

Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom the power and the glory  
are yours now and forever. Amen.

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves  
and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (click link) Cornerstone [https://youtu.be/a3HH\\_-1Zbs](https://youtu.be/a3HH_-1Zbs)

### **Blessing:**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross,  
and follow Him.....

.....and the blessing of God almighty;  
Father Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us, and remain with us  
and all those whom we love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

**Song:** (click link) Raise a Hallelujah <https://youtu.be/e3RRU25dpPg>

*As we come to the end of this service we can fellowship with each other in Spirit, with tea, coffee and biscuits, and continuing to pray for each other.*

*Post something on the Facebook page to bless others.*