

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**Reading 1: 2 Kings 5: 1 - 14**

**Gospel: Mark 1: 40 - 45**

God in Christ has revealed His glory, come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give Him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

**Psalm: 30**

I will exalt you, LORD,

for you lifted me out of the depths

and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

<sup>2</sup> LORD my God, I called to you for help,

and you healed me.

<sup>3</sup> You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;

you spared me from going down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;

praise his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> For his anger lasts only a moment,

but his favour lasts a lifetime;

weeping may stay for the night,

but rejoicing comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> When I felt secure, I said,

"I will never be shaken."

<sup>7</sup> LORD, when you favoured me,

you made my royal mountain stand firm;

but when you hid your face,

I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> To you, LORD, I called;

to the Lord I cried for mercy:

<sup>9</sup> "What is gained if I am silenced,

if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me;

LORD, be my help."

<sup>11</sup> You turned my wailing into dancing;

you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup> that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

**Song:** (*click link*)    Open Space [https://youtu.be/P7Dc7kl4e\\_c](https://youtu.be/P7Dc7kl4e_c)

## **Invitation to Confession**

When the Lord comes,  
He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and He will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ, let us confess our sins.

## **Confession:**

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past,  
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Absolution:**

Almighty God,  
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,  
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of His kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## **Reading1: 2 Kings 5: 1 – 14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.'

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' <sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be

clean"?’<sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

**Gospel:        Mark 1: 40 – 45**

<sup>40</sup> A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, ‘If you choose, you can make me clean.’ <sup>41</sup> Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, ‘I do choose. Be made clean!’ <sup>42</sup> Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup> After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, <sup>44</sup> saying to him, ‘See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’ <sup>45</sup> But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

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

*Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.*

**The Creed**

Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore, God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession:**

*(Please add in names and circumstances known to you in the appropriate place)*

We pray for God’s grace.  
Lord receive our praise, and hear our prayer.

Lord God, through your grace we are your people:  
Through your son you have redeemed us;  
In your Spirit you have made us your own.

We pray for..... (new Christians, the Church)  
Make our hearts respond to your love.  
Lord receive our praise, and hear our prayer.

We pray for.....(the world, society, the local community)  
Make our lives bear witness to your glory in the world.  
Lord receive our praise, and hear our prayer.

We pray for.....(people in need, Christian service)  
Make our wills eager to obey, and hands ready to heal.  
Lord receive our praise, and hear our prayer.

We give thanks for.....  
Make our voices one with all your people  
In heaven and on earth.  
Lord receive our praise, and hear our prayer.

Lord of life, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind  
To serve you with joy forever.    Amen.

### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in 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.

*Usually, at this point in the service, we take up our offering;  
let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves and all that we offer to God  
and give Him thanks.*

**Song:** (click link)    You Are Good <https://youtu.be/IVL32yQywsA>

**Blessing:**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw us to Himself,  
The power of the Lord Jesus, strengthen us in His service,  
The joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts.....  
.....and the blessing of God almighty  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with us, and all those whom we love,  
this day and always.           Amen

*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.*