

St. John's All-Age Service
3rd Sunday of Lent: Turning to God

Welcome

Welcome to our all-age Sunday service for the 3rd Sunday in Lent. This service has been put together and pre-recorded by the St John's Third Sunday Team. Thank you for joining us, we hope you are well!

Greeting

Leader The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Psalm 103.8

Opening responses

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
 In you I hope all the day long.

All: **O God, in you I trust.**

Leader: You are the God of my salvation;

All: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Leader: We remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
 for they are from everlasting.

All: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;**
 O God, in you I trust.

Song: Be Thou my Vision

Saying sorry

We come to our time of confession, to say sorry for the times when we have done things that are wrong over the past week.

Leader: 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.

Leader: We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Leader: We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us
with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Leader The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.
God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
May we know that we are forgiven
and walk in the new way that is made known to us in God's
love.

All: Amen.

Collect - prayer for the day

Leader: Living Mystery,
whose way is not ours,
whose name cannot be bought or sold:
lead us from
justice without compassion
and sacrifice without mercy
to a love which nurtures
and a grace without price;
through Jesus Christ, the true Bread.

All: Amen

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-9

Song: There's a wideness in God's mercy

Word of God

Leader: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

All: Lord, you really are the saviour, the saviour of the world.

Leader: Give us the living water, that we may never thirst.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

Reflection - Third Sunday Team

Affirmation

Leader Let us declare our faith in God.

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Song: Turn our hearts

Prayers for our times

Prayers are said for our community and our world.

Leader We say together the Lord's prayer:

All 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.
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 for ever. Amen.**

We share the peace

Leader: He will not command legions of angels, nor ride the machine
of holy war;
he will become a slave, take our hate into his heart and win
us with forgiveness, for he is God's unexpected peace.

All: **The peace of the Lord be with us all.**

Notices

The Third Sunday All-age Service is coming back to church for Easter!

Closing responses

Leader: Now may God
Who gives seed to the sower
And corn to the reaper
Give to us all that is needed
To produce a good harvest.

All: **May God make us fertile in faith, love and goodness,
And take us out with joy,
And lead us on in peace.
As signs of the fruitfulness of heaven.
Amen.**

Song: **Speak O Lord**

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