

## Sunday before Lent 2023

*Introit.*

*Welcome and Introduction.*

*Hymn:*       **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love...**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside...**

*Penitence*

Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Absolution:*

May almighty God have mercy upon us;  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.       **Amen.**

*The Collect for the Sunday before Lent.*

*Old Testament Reading:*

Exodus 24.12–18

read by John.

A reading from the book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Second Reading:*

2 Peter 1.16–21.

*Hymn*

**Efengyl tangnefedd, O rhed dros y byd,  
a deled y bobloedd i'th lewyrch i gyd;  
na foed neb heb wybod am gariad y groes,  
a brodyr i'w gilydd fo dynion pob oes.**

**Sancteiddier y ddaear gan Ysbryd y ne';  
boed Iesu yn Frenin, a neb ond efe:  
y tywysogaethau mewn heddwth ei draed,  
a phawb yn ddiogel dan arwydd ei waed.**

**Efengyl tangnefedd, dos rhagot yn awr,  
a doed dy gyfiawnder o'r nefoedd i lawr,  
fel na byddo mwyach na dial na phoen,  
na chariad at ryfel, ond rhyfel yr Oen.**

*Gospel reading:*

Matthew 17.1-9.

*The Address.*

*Hymn:*

***There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.  
There is a longing in our hearts for love, we only find in you, our God.***

**For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God...**

**For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer.  
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God...**

**For healing, for wholeness, for new life, hear our prayer.  
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God...**

**Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.  
We call you, we wait, be near, hear our prayer, O God...**

*Prayers*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Ein Tad yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd,  
sancteiddier dy enw,  
deled dy dernas  
gwneled dy ewyllys,  
megis yn y nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.  
Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol  
a maddau i ni ein dyledion,  
fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.**

**Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth;  
eithr gwared ni rhag drwg.  
Canys eiddot yw'r deyrnas,  
a'r gallu a'r gogoniant,  
yn oes oesoedd. Amen**

*Intercessions.*

Led by Martin.

*Hymn*

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands: my name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart...**

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied, to look on Him and pardon me...**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb; my perfect, spotless Righteousness:  
The great unchangeable I Am; the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God...**

*Blessing.*