

Daily Morning Prayer - 1st Sunday in Lent (March 9, 2025)

Prelude

Preparatory Prayer

Officiant says one of the following

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. *Joel 2:13*

Opening Song

#249 - Crown Him With Many Crowns

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of love,
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Verse 3

Crown Him Lord of life,
Who triumphed over the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die. Amen.

“快來為王加冕”

- 1 快來為王加冕，
聖羔在寶座上。
請聽天上讚美的聲，
這聲獨一分明。
我心踴躍歌唱，
稱頌救主我王。
讚美稱呼至大君王，
咱要永遠尊崇。
- 2 加冕慈愛的王，
看主雙手脅下。
祂的傷跡帶到天上，
在那榮耀美麗。
天上的衆使者，
不會完全瞭解。
但是祂明亮的眼目，
看透奧秘所在。
- 3 加冕生命的王，
勝過死失權勢。
祂已復活得着勝利，
拯救萬民免死。
今咱唱詩讚美，
救主復活升天。
從主的死咱得永生
死亡永遠離棄。阿們。

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says

Let us kneel and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

The Officiant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory

Officiant Let us stand for the invitatory and Psalm.

Officiant O Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Jubilate (Psalm 100)

Sing to the Lord, all the world! Worship the Lord with joy!
Come before Him with happy songs! Enter the temple with thanksgiving.
Go into its courts with praise! Give thanks to Him and praise Him!"
The Lord is good; His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts for ever!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm

Officiant Let us open our Bibles to *Psalm 37:1-9*. We will read it responsively.

¹ Do not fret because of evildoers,
Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

² For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
And wither as the green herb.

³ Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

⁴ Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD,
Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring *it* to pass.

⁶ He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off;
But those who wait on the LORD,
They shall inherit the earth.

All sing the GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lesson

Officiant Please sit for the lessons.

Reader The Old Testament lesson is taken from Isaiah 14:12-17.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader The New Testament lesson is taken from James 3:13-18.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem – “Let Us Love”

Verse 1

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.
That whoso believeth, believeth in Him shall have everlasting life,
Shall have everlasting life!

Chorus

Let us love as You have loved;
Let us live as You have lived.
Help us to be all You want us to be,
Let us love as You loved.
May we love like You.

Verse 2

He gave His life willingly out of His love for me.
The mercy He showed; The grace He bestowed for life eternally!
For live everlasting and free!

Chorus

Lord, let us love as You have loved;
Let us live as You have lived.
Help us to be all You want us to be,
Let us love as You loved.
May we love like You.

Bridge

"I gave, I gave it all for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?"
"I gave, I gave My life for thee,
What hast thou given for Me?"

Chorus

Let us love as You have loved;
Let us live as You have lived.
Help us to be all You want us to be,
Let us love as You loved.
May we love like You.

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May we love like You.
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The Sermon by Dcn. Jeremiah Kwok

The Creed

Officiant Please stand for the Apostle's Creed.

All stand to declare

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty.
From there He will come again
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.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Suffrages

V. Save Your people, Lord, and bless Your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless You;
R. We praise Your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us Your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in You.

V. In You, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

V. Let us now pray for our own needs and those of others.

Moment of Silence

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of Your people, and strengthen us to do Your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us, let each

one find You mighty to save; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, we do not trust in our own merits to come to Your table, but in Your boundless grace. You have invited us to come to the table of the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to partake of the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may ever-more live in Him, and He in us. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.”

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace of the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory

Celebrant

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

#341 - Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Verse 1

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee.
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Verse 2

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

“我軟弱祢却康健”

1 我軟弱祢卻康健，
主保守我亂行，
我心滿足免驚惶，
只要主肯使我與祢行。

和：我愛倚近祢身邊，
主啊我懇切求祢，
讓我日日倚近祢，
但願主成我的心志！

2 世界多勞碌試誘，
我若跌倒有誰救？
有誰分擔我憂愁？
無別人只有祢親愛主！

Verse 3

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

3 當我軟弱臨終時，
我無法延長日子，
求祢溫柔帶我去，
進入祢國度在祢身邊。

After the offerings are collected, the people sing the Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Pre-Consecrated Elements)

The people remain standing after the offertory.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Celebrant and People sing the Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High! Amen.

Officiant Let us kneel and pray.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and we offer You these gifts, which have been sanctified beforehand, recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Sanctify us also, that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

V. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

R. Let us rejoice and exult and give the glory to the Lord.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Communion Music)

The server distributes the bread and wine. Upon receiving, the ministers partake of the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Prayer for Missions

Celebrant and People

O God, You have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent Your blessed Son to die and rise for those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after You and find You; bring the nations into Your fold; pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

General Thanksgiving

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of all blessings, we sincerely thank You for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for the immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies, that, with truly thankful hearts, we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking in holiness and righteousness

all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant may close with the following Scripture

May God, the source of hope, fill you with all joy and peace by means of your faith in him, so that your hope will continue to grow by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)

The threefold amen is sung.

Celebrant

Please be seated for some announcements.

Announcements

1. Treasurer's Report c/o Sis. Cherry Co
2. JSC/YSC (short video to play, then Bro. Matthew Ragas and Sis. Xanthia Merle will continue with the announcement)
3. Churchmen (10:30AM at rm 306) and Churchwomen Fellowships (10:15am at rm 224)
4. Our Knowing Level classes will start later 10:30am at Room 302. If you would like to join and have not registered, please head to room 302 after the service.
5. Reminder again of daily prayers website download and physical booklets for the Lenten season

Closing Hymn - #310 - "We've A Story To Tell"

Verse 1

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

Chorus

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

Verse 2

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

“咱有一個故事傳給萬邦”

1 咱有一個故事傳給萬邦，
能使人心轉回歸正，
就是真理慈愛故事，
這故事平安光明， 這故事平安光明。

和：因黑暗將要變成黎明，
黎明變成中午光明。
基督國度會降臨地上，
這國度仁愛顯榮。

2 咱有一首詩歌唱給萬邦，
能使人心歸主得救，
這詩歌能勝過罪惡，
能克服利劍刀槍， 能克服利劍刀槍。

Verse 3

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

3 咱有一個信息傳給萬邦，
就是天上掌權主宰，
差遣獨生聖子降世，
來表明上帝是愛，來表明上帝是愛。

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude