

St. Luke's Table

SECOND SUNDAY in LENT

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. *Galatians 6.14*



Christ Carrying the Cross, Del Piombo Sebastiano
Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary

Welcome and Good Morning!

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The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love Divine All Loves Excelling, (6 verses)

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!**

**2. Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.**

**4. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**5. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;**

**6. Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

The Symbols of Lent: The Nails

We lay before the cross today the nails with which we pierced the hands and feet of God's Son.

Nails are usually used for construction.

We used these nails, however, for destruction.

They forever symbolize our attempt to destroy God's true temple.

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**Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us.
Forgive us for our violent rejection
of Your truth. Help us say “No”
to destroying one another.
Help us say “Yes” to the cross.**



The nail-scars on Christ's hands and feet
remind us of a Suffering Servant who brought
redemption through His obedience unto death,
even death on a cross.
He let us fasten Him to a cross,
that we might never be separated from His love.

**Lord Jesus, have mercy upon us.
We cannot grasp Your love that suffers for us.
We often fail to love like that;
we turn from the suffering of others.
Help us say “No” to our self-centered nature.
Help us say “Yes” to the cross.**

With nails we implemented our condemnation of Our Lord. They remind us of our bent to condemnation, our frequent inability to forgive ourselves and to extend forgiveness to others.

Lord Jesus, you have had mercy on us!

There is now no condemnation, for You, our God, are for us. We cannot lose Your love.

Help us say “No” to our condemnation of others.

Help us say “Yes” to the cross.

Let us pray together,

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy:
Give us Your grace in our self-centeredness.
Help us take up our cross and spend ourselves
on a life that cannot be taken away.
We thank You that nothing can separate us
from Your love. Transform us by that love,
we pray. Amen.**

The Nails are hammered into the cross.

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The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
As we turn our hearts and minds
to worship Almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

**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 neighbours 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.**

Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Venite: (alternating verses)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross,
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16



Abraham, Sarah, and the Angel
Jan Provoost, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

Psalms 22: 22-30: *(alternating verses)*

Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

**For he does not despise nor abhor the poor
in their poverty; neither does he hide his face
from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.**

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord, and all the families
of the nations shall bow before him.

**For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; all who go down
to the dust fall before him.

**My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people
yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

**Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned,
and cried out in anguish from the cross,
yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds
of death and rose in triumph from the grave.
Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you:
feed the hungry, strengthen the weak,
and break the chains of the oppressed,
that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Canticle: You Are God (alternating verses)

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

**You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.**

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Second Reading:
Romans 4: 13-25



Reading the Bible
Gerrit Dou, Louvre Museum, Paris, France

Canticle: The Song of Zechariah (alternating verses)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow
of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen**

Gradual Hymn:

Jesus the Very Thought Of Thee, (5 verses)

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.**

**2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The Saviour of us all.**

**3. O Hope of every contrite heart,
 O Joy of all the meek,
 To those who ask, how kind thou art!
 How good to those who seek!**

**4. But what to those who find? Ah, this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is,
None but His lovers know.**

**5. Jesus, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now
And through eternity.**

The Good News:

Gospel of Christ
according to
Mark 8: 31-38
(shared as a Reading)



Peter's Dictation of the Gospel to Mark
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England

Reflection



Salvation Mountain -- Leonard Knight, Niland, CA

The Creed

Let us confess our faith as we say,

**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 power of 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.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.**

Prayers of the People



Global Refugee Mural -- Joel Bergner, Silver Spring, MD

The Peace

We are the body of Christ; in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn:

O Jesus I Have Promised, (4 verses)

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2. O let me feel thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow
My Master and My Friend.**

**4. O let me see thy footsteps
And in them plant mine own:
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone.
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.**

Prayer over the Gifts

**God of wisdom,
may the light of the eternal Word,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
guide us to your glory.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Prayer of General Thanksgiving

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.**

**We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.
We thank you also for those disappointments
and failures that lead us to acknowledge
our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus, (4 verses)

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou the Godhead's human Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the troubled heart to sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And fair the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**4. All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
None can be nearer,
fairer or dearer,
Than Thou, my Saviour, art to me.**

Closing Prayer

**May the God of hope
fill us all with joy and peace
in believing through the power
of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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