



**The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021**

Prelude

Reckless Love (Instrumental)

Welcome

Opening Songs

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
Show us show us Your glory
Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise!

Lead Me to the Cross

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross!

A Penitential Order

Clergy Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness against your neighbor.

Lord have mercy on us, and move our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy on us, and write all these laws on our hearts, we pray.

Clergy

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8,9

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

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.

Priest

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.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reading

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring

after you.”

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:22-31

- 22 I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters;
I will praise you in the very center of the congregation!
- 23 All of you who revere the Lord—praise him!
All of you who are Jacob’s descendants—honor him!
All of you who are all Israel’s offspring—stand in awe of him!
- 24 Because he didn’t despise or detest
the suffering of the one who suffered—
he didn’t hide his face from me.
No, he listened when I cried out to him for help.
- 25 I offer praise in the great congregation
because of you;
I will fulfill my promises
in the presence of those who honor God.
- 26 Let all those who are suffering eat and be full!
Let all who seek the Lord praise him!
I pray your hearts live forever!
- 27 Every part of the earth
will remember and come back to the Lord;
every family among all the nations will worship you.
- 28 Because the right to rule belongs to the Lord,
he rules all nations.
- 29 Indeed, all the earth’s powerful
will worship him;
all who are descending to the dust
will kneel before him;
my being also lives for him.
- 30 Future descendants will serve him;
generations to come will be told about my Lord.
- 31 They will proclaim God’s righteousness
to those not yet born,
telling them what God has done.

Gospel Song

From the breaking of the dawn
To the setting of the sun
I will stand on every promise of Your word
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on every promise of Your word
Grace sufficient grace for me
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on every promise of Your word

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:31-38

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Charles N. Stewart

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death

and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader:

Let us return with all our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Silence

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. In our Parishes, we pray for the people of United Ministry of Aurora, Aurora, and their priest, The Rev. Bryan Bedell; and the people of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bainbridge, and their priest, The Rev. Rebecca Drebert. In our Companion Diocese, we pray for the people of Misión San Lucas Evangelista, San Miguel, Seminarista Ernesto Velasco, and their lay missionaries, Mario and Francisca Peraza. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for the people of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, The Rt. Rev. Matthew Alan Gunter. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America and their Bishop, The Most Revd Julio Murray Thompson. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

We pray that in the wilderness of the world the church may be the rock of God, providing the waters of life to all who thirst. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That all people will tend to the healing of your creation, so the whole earth provides abundantly for generations yet to come. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who control worldly power and shape human wisdom may attend to the law of God and respond to the needs of the lowly. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That nations share resources of food and medicine and knowledge, and so transform the earth from a battlefield into a garden of peace. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who face insult or degradation because of race, religious belief, sexual orientation, or political conviction, may be supported by disciples of the Lord. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That those who are struggling with illness or addiction, or are homebound, or facing surgery, may find you to be a source of healing and strength. Especially we name, either silently or aloud _____ . In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

That the departed who have gone to their rest, may hear the voice of Jesus calling them forth to life and resurrection, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. In your mercy, Lord; **hear us as we pray.**

Clergy:

Almighty and eternal God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Music for Reflection

At the Cross

There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You, Jesus

There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You

Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow—

At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You, Jesus!

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

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year. *Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

Blessing

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you both now and forever.

Closing Song

Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

When I was Your foe still
Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God!

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Open Up the Heavens (Instrumental)

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