

***St. Hugh & St. Edmund Anglican Church, Malton***

***March 14, 2021: Fourth Sunday in Lent***

**Opening Hymn:** *To God Be the Glory*

**The Gathering of the Community**

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

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Almighty God,  
*All* to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Kyrie Eleison**

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day**

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
Gracious Father,  
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,  
evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

*Please refer to the following pages for a copy of this Sunday's readings.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

COLLECT: Gracious Father whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NUMBERS

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 6 Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live. NUMBERS 21:4-9

### PSALM

*Refrain Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.* 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. 3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. **R** 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins. 18 They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. **R** 20 He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. 21 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy. **R** PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. 3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved—6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. EPHESIANS 2:1-10

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said, 14 "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." JOHN 3:14-21

Prayer over the gifts: God of mercy and compassion, your word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: Give us of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your Holy Name through Jesus Christ the Lord .Amen.

## The Sermon

### Hymn for Reflection: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## The Nicene Creed

*Officiant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* 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.  
With the Father and the Son

he is worshipped 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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the  
world, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may  
preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,  
we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation  
may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for  
refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be  
relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God,  
we pray to you, Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are  
bold to say,

*All* 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.

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Officiant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God  
welcomes sinners and invites them to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in  
God's forgiveness.

*Officiant* Most merciful God,  
*All* 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.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in  
eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

### **The Peace**

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Offertory Hymn: *God Whose Almighty Word***

### **The Prayer over the Gifts**

*Officiant* God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

*People* Amen.

### **The Doxology**

*Officiant* Glory to God,  
*All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*Officiant* May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the  
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.



## **Dismissal**

*Officiant*     Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**Closing Hymn:** *What Wondrous Love Is This*