

7 March 2010  
Third Sunday in Lent

We Enter and Prepare to Rejoice

Prelude: Air in G - Milford

Welcome and Gathering: *Bridget McNeill*

Invitation to Worship: (Psalm 63:1-5 adapted)

**One:** God, you are our God. We long for you.

**All:** Like a parched, dry land, our souls are thirsty for you.

**One:** Your constant love is the ground of our being; it is life itself.

**All:** As long as we have breath, and beyond, we will joyfully praise you.

\* Opening Hymn: (tune 409) *Face of a Poor God*  
(sung to the tune of 'Morning Has Broken')

Face of a poor God, grieving, shamed, dying.  
Look on your people in their distress.  
Wipe all their tears. Untwist coils of power.  
Remold the structures which keep us oppressed.

Jesus who laughed then, give us the courage,  
to feel the hurting of a crushed world.  
But through the hunger, pain and injustice,  
To know that you will laugh here again.

Jesus who promised life in its richness,  
waken us often, blow through our midst.  
Give us your Spirit, recklessly loving.  
Joy in the struggle, peace on the way.

Give us a vision, whole, shining, glorious,  
of this world's peoples gathered today.  
Round the earth's table, feasting and singing.  
God is victorious! Praise to God's Name!

Prayer: 576 A Prayer for Service to Others (*said in unison*)

Celebration of Ministry through BCUC: *Rev. Don Maclean*

We Are Renewed With God

Time with Children

\* Hymn: 289 *It Only Takes a Spark*

First Scripture: Isaiah 55: selected verses

Second Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Responsive Prayer:

**One:** We cannot say Our,

**All:** if our religion has no room for others and their needs.

**One:** We cannot say Father,

**All:** if we do not demonstrate this relationship in our daily life.

**One:** We cannot say in heaven,

**All:** if all our interests are in things and possessions.

**One:** We cannot say may your name be holy,

**All:** if we do not strive to be holy.

**One:** We cannot say your kingdom come,

**All:** if we act like we are the centre of the universe.

**One:** We cannot say your will be done,

**All:** if we are unwilling, or resentful of God's will in our life.

**One:** We cannot say on earth as it is in heaven,

**All:** unless we are willing to serve and help others.

**One:** We cannot say give us this day our daily bread,

**All:** without providing for others.

**One:** We cannot say forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,

**All:** if we continue to harbour a grudge against anyone;

**One:** We cannot say save us in the time of trial,

**All:** if we choose to remain where we are likely to be tempted.

**One:** We cannot say deliver us from evil,

**All:** if we do not pray and listen for guidance.

**One:** We cannot say yours is the kingdom,

**All:** if we do not act as citizens of that kingdom.

**One:** We cannot say yours is the glory

**All:** if we are seeking our own glory.

**One:** We cannot say forever,

**All:** if we are anxious about today's worries and activities.

**One:** We cannot say Amen,

**All:** unless we say, "Cost what it may, this is our honest prayer".

**One:** As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

Sermon: "Re-introduction to the Ottawa West End Community Chaplaincy" (PowerPoint Presentation)

### We Respond and Reach Out

Offertory Music: Prelude in Eb - Clark

\* Offertory Hymn: 537 *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*

### Prayers of the People

\* Hymn for Action: 646 *Siyahamba*

The children enter with their banner

**Women:** We are not alone.

**Men:** We live in God's World.

**Children:** We believe in God.

**All:** Who has created and is creating.

**Women:** Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh.

**Men:** To reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**All:** We trust in God. We are called to be church.

**Children:** To love and serve others.

*(The children hang their banner at the side of the sanctuary.)*

**All:** We are not alone, thanks be to God. Amen.

Commissioning:

**One:** Seek out those who are hungry and thirsty, in mind, body and spirit.

**All:** In our hunger for the authentic life, and in our spiritual thirst, we will bring our needs confidently to you, our loving God.

Benediction

\* Song of Departure: 567 *Will You Come and Follow Me* (vs. 1&5)

Postlude: Choral Postlude - Armstrong

### Thanks to Those Assisting with Today's Service:

Greeter: Glenna Jackson

Ushers: Barbara Bole, Bev Cromb, Brian & Joan Hicks

Welcome Information Centre: Monty Domingo