SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2021 – LENT 1

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. Each petition will end with the words "Hear us O God" and you are invited to respond with "Your mercy is great".

[pause]

Thank you, O God, for the examples of Abraham and of your dear Son. Thank you for their steadfast faith. Thank you for the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, who kindles our faith and strengthens us in whatever trials and temptations we endure.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility. In our Anglican and Lutheran cycle of prayer, we pray for the dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod. For the Most Reverend David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton. In our Deanery cycle of prayer, we pray for the Reverend Doctor Raymond Porth, and the people and ministries of St. John, Waverely. Teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

In the covenant of baptism, you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. In our parish cycle of prayer we remember this week – Ed, Natalie and Greyson Gillespie; - Shirley Gillis and family: Kiara, Karson and Konnor Gillis, Bella, Brooklyn, Sage and Caleb Sarsfield. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside those who are in need of your healing grace. – Especially we pray for: George Anderson and family; Nathan and his family; Jim Fee and family; Cathy O'Connor and her companion Ekko; Joseph Signorella and family; Pat & Gary Grayson; and for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts **[pause]**. When they are tempted to despair, turn their eyes upon Jesus.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness **[pause].** Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign.

Hear us O God **"Your mercy is great."**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.