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(2nd Sunday before Lent)

Living before the throne of God

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Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things.
now and for ever.

Amen

Hymn

Jesus is Lord!
Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by His power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:
Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord.

Jesus is Lord!
Yet from His throne eternal,
in flesh He came to die in pain
on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From Him all life proceeding,
yet gave His life a ransom
thus setting us free.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord!
O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death He rose and all His foes
shall own His name.
Jesus is Lord!
God sends His Holy Spirit
to show by works of power
that Jesus is Lord.

*Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise Him with hallelujahs,
for Jesus is Lord.*

Genesis 2. 8-9 & 15-17

⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ...

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'

New Testament Reading – Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.

⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third

had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,”
who was, and is, and is to come.’

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.’

Together we affirm our faith

**Holy, Holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father
who created all things:

**For by His will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son who was slain:
**For with His blood He purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**The Spirit and the Bride say “Come!”
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

We join the heavenly elders in singing:

Worthy, O worthy are You, Lord,
worthy to be thanked and praised
and worshipped and adored; (x2)

Singing "Hallelujah!
Lamb upon the throne,
we worship and adore You,
make Your glory known.
Hallelujah! glory to the King:
You're more than a conqueror,
You're Lord of everything.

...and continue in sung praise ...

There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace—
salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'erald courts and sapphire skies.
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honour are
to God our King, who reigns on high
forevermore.*

And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honor Him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
we'll reign with Him.

A Time of Confession

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to You in sorrow for our sins
and confess to You our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of Your resurrection.

In Your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.

In Your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.

In Your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, Hear us and help us.

An Assurance of Pardon

May the God of love
bring us back to Himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of His eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8. 22-25

²² One day Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side of the lake.' So they got into a boat and set out. ²³ As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

²⁴ The disciples went and woke him, saying, 'Master, Master, we're going to drown!' He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. ²⁵ 'Where is your faith?' he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, 'Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.'

Sermon

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Led by Lynne

The Lord's Prayer

We draw our prayers together in the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power and glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

Hymn – What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

Chorus 1

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this

What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
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Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Benediction and Close