Sunday 5 March 2023 A Step into the Unknown

Notices

- Warm Space carrying on, 10-4
- Teapot Tuesday 2:30pm, Bracon Ash VH
 - Hanover 2:30pm, Thursday
 - Wednesday Lent Group at Linces
- Fairtrade Bring and Share Sat 11 March, 3pm
 - Harvest House Use

Introduction & Welcome

Special Prayer for Today: 2nd Sunday Of Lent

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song: Praise Him You Heavens

Learning to ride a bike

Song: Going on a Journey

A Minute To Win It

John 3:1-17

Reflection: Nicodemus' Nighttime Adventure

Saying Sorry

Living God, forgive us when we have been muddle-headed and not paid attention to your words. Forgive us when we miss the point, or not tried to understand your ways. Forgive us when we have not had the courage to bring our faith into the open. Forgive us when we have stifled our curiosity and questions because we fear the answers we may get. Forgive us when we have created more stumbling blocks than stepping-stones. Make us new again - in Jesus' name.

Amen

Receiving Forgiveness

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

Song: One More Step

The Profession of Faith:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world? All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? All: We believe and trust in him.

> This is the faith of the Church. All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Responding: Our Faith Journey

Starting Line Walking Running Side of the Road Resting Next Level

Responding in Prayer

Great God of the known and unknown, we are aware now of your presence with us – familiar but calling us ever deeper into you. Sometimes we feel ready, but not always. Maybe we feel prepared, maybe we don't. We are not always wanting to step out of our comfort zones, but we may feel ready for something new. Prepare us, to take the next step with you, whatever that is for us, in your world. However unsettling it may seem at first. Help us to find our confidence in you. **Amen.**

Wows & Woes

The Lord's Prayer Gathering our prayers and praises into one, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Song: Oceans

Action Blessing

Be with us, Lord, in our comings and goings, (beckon then point away) as we say our goodbyes (wave goodbye) and step into new spaces. (step forward) Keep us safe, (hug self) now and for ever. (slide thumb along arm) Amen. (hands together)