

# PALGRAVE

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

## **Sing a New Song**

## **Prelude**

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

## **Welcome and announcements**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

## **Call to Worship:**

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**Hymn:** Now Thank We All Our God. VU 236

## **Gathering Prayer**

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**Hymn:** Healer of Our Every Ill. VU 619

**Scripture Readings:** Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39  
John 3:14-21

**Sermon** Made For Love

**Hymn:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling VU 333

### **Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession**

Gracious God, in your unfailing love and goodness, hear us as we bring to you our prayers for the world and for your people. In this period of Lent, we come to you aware of our unreadiness for the enormity of the Easter message, that Christ suffered and died for us and was yet raised in glorious victory. Grant us healing in our souls, and in the souls of all who search for meaning and strength in their lives.

Lord in your mercy

#### **Hear our prayer**

We give you thanks for your beautiful world, and for all its richness and complexity, and we pray for a better awareness of the needs of our planet and sensitivity to the conservation of its resources.

Lord in your mercy

#### **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the health and vigour of your Church. Grant to our congregations and others, people with willing hands and generous hearts, so that we may maintain regular worship and effective service to your glory.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

We ask your blessing on all who are at turning points in their lives: those facing uncertainty, illness or significant changes, as well as those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We pray that your blessing be upon them and those who love and care for them. We pray that they may find encouragement, strength and peace and that their sorrows and concerns be transformed into comfort, hope and newness.

We also remember the troubled nations of the world, praying for an end to warfare, conflicts and poverty.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

And we pray for the future, certain in the knowledge that you will continue to guide us through all things, support us through times of ill health, doubt or trouble, and fulfil your promise to be with us to the end of the age.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

**Offering**

**Hymn:**            When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace    MV 136

**Blessings and Benediction**

**Closing Chorus:**        May God's Sheltering Wings                            MV 214