



Sunday Service

Sunday 31st January 2021
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Septuagesima

Enduring Hope (3)
Trust under attack - Job
Job 2 : 1 - 10

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would keep us faithful to your Word and will as we walk each day in this troubled world. Help us always to trust in your grace, and may our prayers and praise declare your love and mighty power through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bible reading

¹On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him. ²And the LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?'

Satan answered the LORD, 'From roaming throughout the earth, going to and fro on it.'

³Then the LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.'

⁴'Skin for skin!' Satan replied. 'A man will give all he has for his own life. ⁵But now stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.'

⁶The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life.'

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. ⁸Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.

⁹His wife said to him, 'Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!'

¹⁰He replied, 'You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?'

In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

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Talk : Enduring Hope (3) : Trust under attack - Job

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy.

Sustain and support the anxious, be with all those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;

that we may find comfort knowing nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Final Prayer

God of comfort and joy, may we truly know your presence in our lives so that, in trust, we may share your joyful love with others, especially in these days of suffering and trial. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ the Son of God strengthen our faith, and lift our hearts to endure with hope until His return.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us now and for ever more. Amen.