March 19, 2023 10am

Fourth Sunday in Lent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: The Right Reverend Dr. Stephen Andrews Assisting: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Natania Friesen

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community who celebrates and enacts the love of God in our common life of prayer and service in this neighbourhood.

Children are full members of our church and we welcome their presence and participation in our worship.

Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

Prelude: O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656 J.S. Bach

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn 347: The God of Abraham Praise

Tune: Leoni

The God of Abraham praise, Who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, And God of Love; Jehovah, great I AM! By earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name Forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings up-borne,
To heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
And sing the wonders of God's grace
Forevermore.

The goodly land I see,
With peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty,
And endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
And oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow
With mercy crowned.

Triumphant hosts on high Give thanks eternally And "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "Great Trinity!" Hail Abraham's God and ours! One mighty hymn we raise, All power and majesty be yours And endless praise!

> ~The Yigdal of Daniel ben Judah (fl.c. 1400) para. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

> > Welcome:

The Penitential Rite:

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures for ever.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Dear Friends in Christ,

as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Please kneel as you are able.

Presider: Let us ask God to bring to light

the things now hidden in darkness,

and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

And most especially,

let us remember the covenant of our baptism

and test our hearts and conscience

to know how faithfully we have strived for justice and peace amongst all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being.

Presider: Holy and immortal God,

All: you formed us from the dust in your image,

and redeemed us from sin and death

by the cross of our Saviour.

Through the washing of baptism

you raised us up with him to share in the new

covenant with all your holy people.

But we have squandered the inheritance of your saints, and have wandered far in a land that is waste.

Therefore we turn to you in penitence and humility.

In your great mercy, forgive us and restore us,

that we may rejoice in your presence,

and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Asperges:

During the Asperges, the following is sung and as a reminder of baptism, members of the congregation are sprinkled with water.

Song of Penitence: **Kyrie Eleison** *Marty Haugen (b.1950)*



Choir: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations

into the peace of God's kingdom.

People: Kyrie eleison ...

Choir: You come now in word and sacrament

to strengthen us on our journey.

People: Kyrie eleison ...

The Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for our Young People: Children and Youth leave for their Faith Formation programmes.

Presider: May our Lord Jesus bless you as you meet him in the Scriptures.

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Readina: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: Donna Quance

Reader: A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you

shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him: for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Psalm 23: **Bless the Lord, My Soul** *Jacques Berthier* (1923-1994)



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Choir: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul ...

Choir: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow

of death,

I will fear no evil.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul ...

Choir: For thou art with me;

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of

mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth

over.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul ...

Choir: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me,

All the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of the LORD,

forever.

People: Bless the Lord, my soul ...

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Reader: Donna Bristow

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

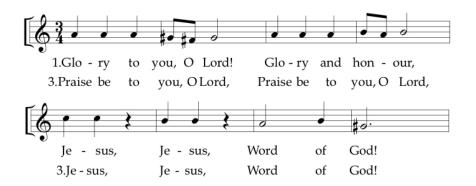
For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

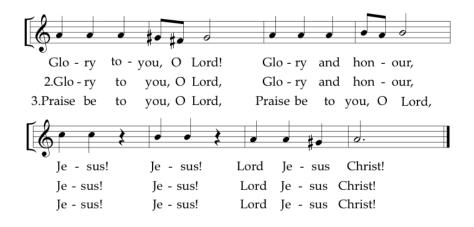
Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation: Laudate Dominum Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)





The Holy Gospel: **John 9:1-41**

Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John.

People: (Sung) Glory to you, O Lord, Glory and honour...

Gospeller: As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were

saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and

obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Lord....

Please be seated.

Sermon:

The Right Reverend Dr. Stephen Andrews

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: I invite those who would like to make a profession of

Christian faith to join with me in The Nicene Creed.

People: We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us prepare to offer our

prayers to God.

Prayers of the People: *Intercessor: Helen Skippon*

For the Church, those in authority, the world, our community, the sick and those in need, for the departed, and for the forgiveness of our sins.

The Peace:

Having prayed for God's peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another from where we are standing and online in the 'live chat'.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Gathered as God's people we share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn 628: O Love, How Deep Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give our offerings. For those present in person, an offering plate will be passed. If online, you can click the link to give your offering through Canada Helps. https://allsaintskingsway.ca/give

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, It fills the heart with ecstasy, That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race Of higher or of lower place, But wore the robe of human frame Himself, and to this lost world came.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore, For us temptation sharp He knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

For us to wicked men betrayed, Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, He bore the shameful cross and death, For us gave up His dying breath.

To Him Whose boundless love has won Salvation for us through His Son,
To God the Father, glory be
Both now and through eternity.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: God of light,

Your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:



Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: 'Picardy' arr. Patrick Wedd (b.1948)





Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Presider: Therefore we proclaim our hope.

People: (Sung) Dying you destroyed our death,
Rising you restored our life,
Hosanna, hosanna!
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

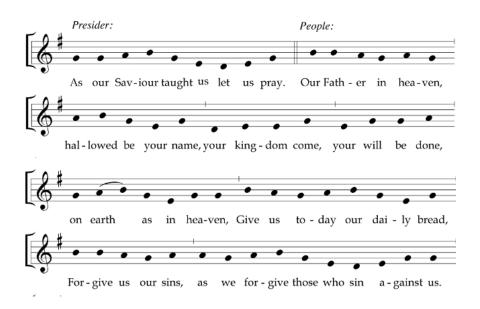
Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,

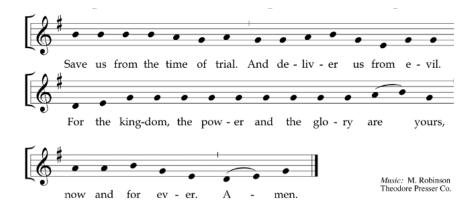
and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People:

(Sung) Glory be to you, O Father, Glory be to you, O Christ, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna! And glory to the Spirit, Amen

> The Lord's Prayer: **Music for the Lord's Supper** *McNeil Robinson II* (1943-2015)





Breaking of the Bread:

Presider: We break this bread,

People: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat

which bears its fruit in dying.

People: If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

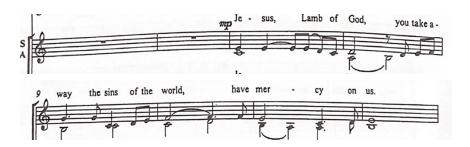
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Presider: The gifts of God for the People of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

Song for the Breaking of Bread:

Agnus Dei *Margaret Rizza*(*Please be seated*)





The Communion:

Communion Hymn 29: The Day Thou Gavest

Tune: St Clement

The day thou gavest, Lord, is upon us, the light, it shines at thy behest; to thee our morning hymns ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping and rests not now by day nor night.

As o'er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking our brethren 'neath the western sky,

and hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, like earth's proud empires, pass away; thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own thy sway.

> Choral Anthem: **The Lord is My Shepherd** (H. Goodall)

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Father,

through your goodness

we receive your Son in word and sacrament.

May we always have faith in him,

Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

We now go into the world declaring the good news of Jesus Christ

The Doxology:

Presider: Glory to God

All: Whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Parish Announcements:

Sending Out:

Presider: The

The mission of the Lay Pastoral Communion Visitors is to bring the presence of Christ in the sacrament to those who are sick or shut-in in our parish.

As you go out, share the light and hope of Christ with those you meet and go with our blessing. **Amen.**

The Blessing:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider:

Look with compassion,
O Lord, upon this your people;
that, rightly living this holy season,
we may learn to know you more fully,
and to serve you with a more perfect will;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Hymn 565: **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to thee, I will ever sing to thee.

~The Reverend Deacon William Williams (1717-1791)

The Dismissal:

Leader: Go forth on your Lenten journey

in the power of God's love.

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in e-minor - "Cathedral" BWV 533

J.S. Bach



Lent Resources: www.allsaintskingsway.ca/lent

Looking Ahead at ASK

March 26 - Dinner Before Night Church, Youth Group

April 2 - Palm Sunday April 6 - Maundy Thursday - 6pm Dinner, 7pm Service April 7 - Good Friday - 10am Family Service, 12pm Solemn Service

> April 8 - Easter Vigil - 8pm April 9 - Easter Sunday - 8am, 10am, 7pm April 16 - Baptism Sunday

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of my parents, Margaret and Jack Fletcher, and my son Christopher, given by Sandra Taylor and family

Please notify the Clergy if you know of anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of pastoral care. Such information is of great assistance to the Clergy, as they endeavour to minister to parishioners.

Reader: Donna Quance and Donna Bristow

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