March 23, 2025 10am

Third Sunday of Lent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Assisting: The Reverend Dr. Patrick McManus The Reverend Ginnie Wong The Deacon Jennifer Cameron

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

We are a Christian community who celebrates 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. Nursery care is available. Please feel free to sit at any time during the service.

> Prelude: Lenten Prelude and Supplication J. Battishill and R. Dittrich

> > Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here (442) Tune: St. Petersburg

Great God, your love has called us here As we, by love, for love were made. Your living likeness still we bear, Though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed. We come, with all our heart and mind Your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains Of broken trust and chosen wrong, Half-free, half-bound by inner chains, By social forces swept along, By powers and systems close confined, Yet seeking hope for humankind.

Then take the towel, and break the bread, And humble us, and call us friends. Suffer and serve till all are fed, And show how grandly love intends To work till all creation sings, To fill all worlds, to crown all things. Great God, in Christ you set us free Your life to live, your joy to share. Give us your Spirit's liberty To turn from guilt and dull despair And offer all that faith can do While love is making all things new.

Welcome:

The Penitential Rite:

Presider: People:	The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. And also with you.
Presider: People:	Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. His mercy endures for ever.
Presider: All:	Almighty God, 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, 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 consciences to know how faithfully we have sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves.
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 losus Christ our Lord
People:	through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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Song of Penitence: **Kyrie Eleison** Avon Gillespie



The Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

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

Please be seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD We read and respond to God's message in Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9 Reader: Cathie Figueira

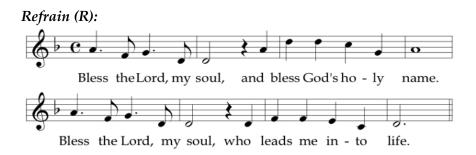
Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight vourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

Psalm 63:1-8 Bless the Lord, My Soul Jacques Berthier Please remain seated.



Verses:

O God, you are my God; eagerly I \cdot seek_you; my soul thirsts for you, as the dry land where there is no water. I have gazed upon you in your holy \cdot place, that I might behold your power \cdot and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life; my lips shall give you praise. So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name. (R)

My soul is content, as with marrow, And my mouth praises you with joyful \cdot lips, When I remember you upon my \cdot bed, and meditate on you in \cdot the night.

For you have been my \cdot helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will re-joice. My soul clings to \cdot you; your right hand \cdot holds me fast. (R)

> Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13** *Reader: Bob Cameron*

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and

all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

Gospel Acclamation: The Head That Once Was Crowned (491) *Tune: St. Magnus*

Please stand as you are able.

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now; A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right. The king of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'ns eternal light.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

	The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Gospeller:	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People:	Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Gospeller:The Gospel of Christ.People:Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.(sung)The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him,
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Please be seated.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

The Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: Let us confess our faith, as we say:

All: 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: Sue Nielsen

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.

Please sit, stand, or kneel as you are comfortable.

The Peace:

Having prayed for God's grace and peace for us and the world, we offer an exchange of peace with one another as you are comfortable, saying "Peace be with you" or making a sign of peace.

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: 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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (585) *Tune: Beach Spring*

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need, Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed, We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart, Consecrating to Your purpose Every gift which you impart.

Still Your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread; Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul, By Your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight, Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear, Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go, To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show; Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give, That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live. Presider: Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Presider:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Presider:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Presider:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Presider:	Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love. Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (735) F. Schubert, arr. R. Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, Full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes In the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

> For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command, All: we remember his death we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation. the head of the Church. and the author of our salvation: by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever

All:	Amen.	
	The Lord's Prayer:	
Presider: People:	As our Saviour taught us, let us 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.	
	Breaking of the Bread:	
Presider: People:	We break this bread, Communion in Christ's body once broken.	
Presider:	Let your Church be the wheat	
People:	which bears its fruit in dying. If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.	
Presider: People:	The gifts of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.	
	Song for the Breaking of Bread: Jesus, Lamb of God (747) F. Schubert, arr. R. Proulx	
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,		

Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Please be seated.

The Communion:

As we come to communion, we have reintroduced the common cup. No one should feel any pressure to take it; we just ask that as you come up, you either touch the base of the chalice as an act of acknowledgement or simply cross your arms across your chest and the chalice bearer will proclaim the words of acknowledgement. You are all welcome to the Lord's table. Please come knowing it is Christ himself who welcomes you and feeds you here.

> Communion Anthem: Teach Me, O Lord Thomas Atwood

Prayer after Communion:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider:All your works praise you, O Lord.All:And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

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

Parish Announcements:

The Blessing:

Please stand as you are able.

Presider: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

> Closing Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (486) Tune: Hyfrydol

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down: Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive; Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be: Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, 'Til in heaven we take our place, 'Til we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Dismissal:

- *Deacon:* Let us go forth on our Lenten journey in the power of God's love.
- *People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude and Fugue in d, BWV 554 J.S. Bach We give thanks to God for all who give back to God out of what God has given you in support of the ministry at All Saints Kingsway! If you would like to give, you can do so in the following ways.



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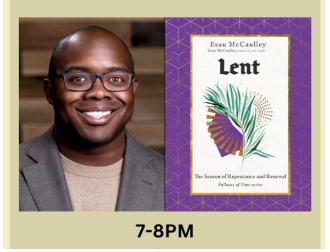
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walking to the cross

A 40 day devotional email that invites us to make walking, reflecting and prayer part of our daily Lenten practice. Email deacon@allsaintskingsway.ca to be added to the list.

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in loving memory in loving memory of Barry Firman, given by Donna.

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