March 30, 2025 10am

Fourth Sunday of Lent





Loving God. Loving People. Growing in Christ Together.

Presiding: Assisting: The Reverend Ginnie Wong The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

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: Kyrie, Recit, & Dialogue *N. De Grigny*

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise (347) *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!

Welcome:

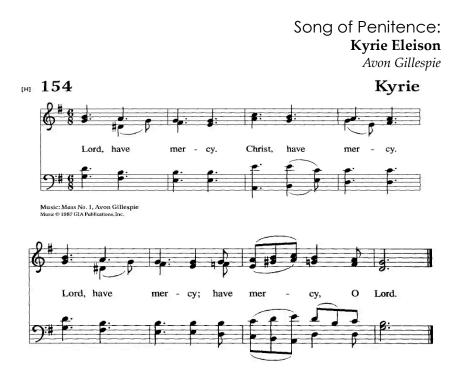
The Penitential Rite:

| 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. |
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| 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. |

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 consciences to know how faithfully we have striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being. Presider. Holy and immortal God, you formed us from the dust in your image, All: 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 Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,

whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Joshua 5:9-12 Reader: Mary Anne Huggins

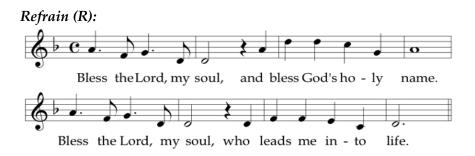
Reader: A reading from the book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

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

Psalm 32 Bless the Lord, My Soul Jacques Berthier Please remain seated.



Verses:

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, Their sin is put away! For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; I acknowledged my sin to you.

I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time

of∙ trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. (R)

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. shout for joy, all who are true of heart. (R)

> Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Reader: John Johnston

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

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Please keep a period of silence for reflection.

| Reader: | The word of the Lord. |
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| 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 15:1-3, 11B-32 Gospeller: The Reverend Deacon Natania Friesen

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller: Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father

has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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.

Sermon: The Reverend Ginnie Wong

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: The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Cameron

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: We Lay Our Broken World (613) *Tune: Garelochside*

It's during the singing of this hymn that we give back to God from what God has given us. If you are a visitor, do not feel pressured to give. This spiritual practice is for those who call All Saints their home. You can use an offering envelope or give via e-transfer: etransfer@allsaintskingsway.ca

We lay our broken world In sorrow at your feet, Haunted by hunger, war, and fear, Oppressed by power and hate.

Where human life seems less Than profit, might, and pride, Though to unite us all in you, You lived and loved and died. We bring our broken hopes For lives of dignity, Workless and overworked you love, And call us to be free.

We bring our broken loves, Friends parted, families torn, Then in your life and death we see That love must be reborn.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Presider: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ 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: | As our Saviour taught us, let us pray: |
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| People: | 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. |
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Breaking of the Bread:

| Presider: | We break this bread, |
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| People: | Communion in Christ's body once broken. |

| Presider: | Let your Church be the wheat |
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| | 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: 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, 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: Turn Thy Face From My Sins 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: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (300) Tune: Westminster Abbey

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, And her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, Dearly loved of God on high, In exultant jubilation Pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring In glad hymns eternally.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants What they ask of thee to gain, What they gain from thee forever With the blessed to retain, And hereafter in thy glory Evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father, Laud and honour to the Son, Laud and honour to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One, One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.

The Dismissal:

Deacon: Go forth on your Lenten journey in the power of God's love.*People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Concerto in a, BWV 593 Antonio Vivaldi, arr. 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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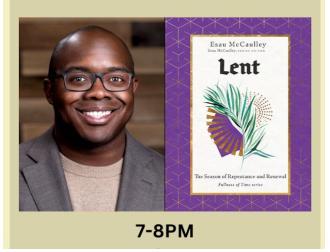
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walking to the cross

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

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