

ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon John E. Anderson

Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

Preludes "Presto" Giovanni Battista Pescetti

"Bourree" Henry Purcell

Jeff Campbell, piano

Processional Hymn 175 "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Heinlein

V1 Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild, forty days and forty nights tempted and yet undefiled.

V2 Burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled, prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

V3 Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will, and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

V4 So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy, Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.

V5 Saviour, may we hear your voice keep us constant at your side; and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

Welcome The Reverend Canon John E. Anderson

Announcements

Lenten Studies

COVID Protocol Update

Gathering of the Community

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.

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.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (CP 704)

H. Austin

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gathering Prayer

Heavenly Father, your Son confronted the powers of darkness that obscure your compassion and love for all of creation: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen. *Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Romans 10:8-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,' and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:4:1-13

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Canon John E. Anderson

Solo "I am Not Afraid"
Joan Kelly, soloist

L. Larson

In the emptiness of silence when the world has turned away; beneath the weight of sorrow when I can no longer pray; in the wilderness of worry, in the desert of despair; in the never ending darkness when it seems that no one cares.

I am not afraid, I am not alone. You hold me in Your hands and will not let me go. Though the waters rise and though the winds may blow, I will not be afraid, will not be afraid, for I am not alone.

When there are no words of comfort that can stem the flow of tears; when I'm stranded at the center of a rising tide of fear; when there is no path before me, when my feet have lost their way, I remember You are with me and I am not afraid!

I am not afraid, I am not alone. You hold me in Your hands and will not let me go. Though the waters rise and though the winds may blow, I will not be afraid, will not be afraid, for I am not alone. I am not alone.

Musical Meditation: “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.

Prayers of the People Mae Cox

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Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.

Amen.

The Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

(All may exchange a sign of peace with a bow, a smile but please no physical contact)

Offertory Hymn 244 “We Walk by Faith”

Shanti

V1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.

V2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; but in his promise we rejoice and cry, “My Lord and God!”.

V3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound, to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

V4 That when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Before Communion

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

Eucharistic Prayer 1

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

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.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

D. Haas

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 forever.

Breaking of the Bread No. 7

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat 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.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

"Agnus Dei" 690*New Plainsong/D. Hurd*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"*Margaret*

V1 Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown when thou camest to earth for me, but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for thy holy nativity: oh come to my heart Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

V2 Even foxes found rest, and the birds had their nest in the shade of the forest tree, but thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee: oh come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee.

V3 When thou camest, O Lord, with the living word, 'twas to set all thy people free, but with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn, then we bore thee to Calvary: oh come to my heart Lord Jesus; now thy cross is my only plea.

V4 Heaven's arches shall ring and its choirs shall sing at thy coming to victory; let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee!" My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus; when thou comest and callest me.

Prayer after Communion

All your works praise you, O Lord.

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.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 570 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

V1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O refresh us, O refresh us, travelling through the wilderness.

V2 Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel’s joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound; may your presence, may your presence, with us evermore be found!

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude “March”

G.F. Handel

*We wish to thank vocalists: Joan Kelly, Rosemarie Freeman,
Wayne Cox & Alan Cooper
for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.*

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the first people who walked this land before us. The land on which we gather is the ancestral territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-in-nah-bek) Nation, specifically the Chippewas of Rama First Nation. This territory is covered by the John Collins Purchase of 1785 and the Williams Treaties.

We gratefully acknowledge the beauty and bounty of the land where we live, and our gratitude for the earth, the provider of all that is required to sustain physical life. We, as the youngest visitors here upon the earth, must ensure that the earth is here for the future generations of all beings that live upon her.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

First Sunday of Lent

Patience is a hard discipline. It is not just waiting until something happens over which we have no control: the arrival of the bus, the end of the rain, the return of a friend, the resolution of a conflict. Patience is not a waiting passivity until someone else does something. Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest, to be completely present to the moment, to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand. (Henri J. M. Nouwen)

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Give thanks for The Right Reverend Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Give thanks for Bishop Andrew Asbil.

IN THE HURONIA DEANERY: Give thanks for the Parish of Elmvale: St. John's, Waverley and their outreach programmes.

The Flowers in the Church Today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of her beloved husband Patrick Slattery, who was born March 4, 1933, from Wendy and family.

Lenten resource considers creation care

The Bishop's Committee on Creation Care has published a new resource for Lent 2022, "From Ecological Grief to Creational Hope: A Lent Curriculum for All Ages." Written by biblical scholar and committee co-chair Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, this six-week resource explores the biblical themes of creation's groaning and lament as well as its hope for redemption. Each week includes a scripture passage with questions for reflection and discussion, prayers, suggested activities and action ideas, as well as links to explore further. You can find the resource on the Diocesan

website: <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LentCurriculum2022.pdf>

Canon John will host a zoom discussion each Wednesday of Lent at 7:00 pm based on a theme for each week which can be read in advance. The Wednesdays are March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, and April 13.

If you want to learn more just click on the link provided above. If interested please phone the office at 705-325-2742 or email office@stjamesorillia.com or rector@stjamesorillia.com. We will then send you a zoom invitation.

Truth and Reconciliation Meeting Invitation

All interested persons are invited to the upcoming meeting of the Truth. And Reconciliation Circle via zoom **on Monday March 7, at 9.30 am**. The group will be discussing goals and objectives at this meeting. Please notify the church office at 705-325-2742 of your interest in attending to obtain the zoom link.

ACW NEWS! We have a date for a spring plant/bake/craft sale for Saturday May 14th. If you still have a garden and want to downsize or make some room for other treasures, will you consider bagging or potting and labelling your treasure for our sale??

BAKERS

So - because our bake sales have done so well, we are again asking if you can create again. Saturday May 14th. Please contact Joan Gardy with what you are willing to bake.

SPONSORSHIP

We are in need of sponsorship of \$100.00 for a month for the parish newsletter. It is a high cost for sure but it allows us to send out the newsletter via internet and also pays for postage for those members who do not have internet.

FUNDSCRIP

It is now the first weekend of the month and the order date is Sunday. We are down to about 9 very faithful orders every month but that is not enough to pay for the shipping of the order. Thank goodness we have been partnering with St A's (who have about 10 each month and they only have 25 in their congregation!!!!) This has been one of the only fundraisers for St James over the past two years and we need to build it back up. Order forms at the church office.

Thanks to everyone who supported us on the **Coldest Night of The Year!**

You can still donate up to March 31, 2022 by dropping off a cheque to the office or clicking on the website below. Thanks again.

[St James Anglican Church Walkers \(e2rm.com\)](http://e2rm.com)

Reminding you about a Lenten Commitment

We Canadians have been so fortunate to have access to multiple vaccinations against the dreaded COVID infection. So many people in developing countries do not have this privilege.

We will never control this pandemic until people in those countries have improved vaccine rollout.

Consider making a donation to the **Primate's World Relief and Development Vaccine Equity Fund** as your 2022 Lenten commitment.

How about contributing xx? dollars per vaccine you received. Send cash or a cheque made out to St. James' noted for PWRDF Vaccine Equity to the church office.

Tending The Soul Series

Bishop Andrew is inviting the Diocese to dream together about where God is leading us through this pandemic and beyond. "Tending the Soul" is a series of honest and hopeful conversations for the Church and its leaders about ministry in this time. What's changed and what are we learning? Where are we finding abundance in the face of disruption? What do we imagine for the future?

Each hour-long session will include a conversation between church leaders, both lay and ordained, on a particular topic, with plenty of time for questions and discussion. Together we'll share what's tough in ministry these days, what we've discovered about best practices, and how we see the future unfolding.

There will be nine conversations on Thursdays at noon, with a break around Easter:

March 10: Where are we now? Highlights of what we've learned, two years later

March 17: Visioning and planning in transition

March 24: Talking about money

March 31: Reconnecting with our congregations: the art of pastoral visiting & dealing with pandemic grief

April 28: Speaking to the spirit: the church as a safe place for questions about meaning & purpose

May 5: Ministry with children, youth & families

May 12: Digital communications, websites & social media

May 19: Stories of Generosity: the transformative impact of giving

May 26: Adult education in an age of Zoom burn-out

You can choose to attend any or all of the sessions. They will be live streamed to the diocesan Facebook page.

Bishop Andrew, Bishop Riscylla and Bishop Kevin hope you'll come with your thoughts, your questions and your dreams.

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