

ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

Incumbent: The Reverend Canon John E. Anderson

Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

Prelude "O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

K.L. Phillips

Alex Andrews, violin; Jeff Campbell, piano

Processional Hymn 520 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Dominus Regit Me

V1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

V2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

V3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

V4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

V6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

Welcome The Reverend Canon John Anderson

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 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

Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. Amen. *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt*

Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

From now on, therefore, 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. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, “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 traveled 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.’” Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Canon John Anderson

Solo “Safe Within Your Arms, Lord”

arr. Mark Hayes

Christina Bosco, soloist

Whether I’m right, or whether I’m wrong, whether I’m weak, or whether I’m strong, whether I’m sure, or maybe confused, feeling loved or feeling used. I know a place where I can go, somewhere that winter winds don’t blow. There I am warmed by loving arms, held with care, next to Your heart.

And I'm safe within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child again. I've come back to the source of love; where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong, and prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your embrace and find my strength in You.

Whether I'm walking in the light, or whether I'm stumbling through the night, You are a God whose promise endures, Your love is deep, Your love is sure. When I am tempted to pursue plans that may lead me far away from You, gently You call, "My child, come home. I will never let go of one of my own."

And I'm safe within Your arms, Lord. I've become a child again. I've come back to the source of love, where healing can begin. Though the world would say I must be strong, and prove my worth by what I do, I will rest assured in Your embrace, and find my strength in You, and find my strength in You.

The Prayers of the People

Musical Meditation 649 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

V1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Intercessor: Mae Cox

Musical Meditation 649 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

V2 Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine to do and to endure.

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 465 "Here In This Place"

Gather Us In

V1 Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away. See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

V2 We are the young our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in the rich and the haughty; gather us in the proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

V3 Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

V4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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)*

Eucharist

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.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Schubert/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.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

David 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 Lent and Holy Week

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 "Lamb of God"

New Plainsong

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 Music

"Amazing Grace/ My Chains Are Gone"

Chris Tomlin

V1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

V2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
 My God my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy rains
 Unending love amazing grace

V3 The Lord has promised good to me
 His word my hope secures
 He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures

V4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
 The sun forbear to shine
 But God who called me here below
 Will be forever mine

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
 My God my Savior has ransomed me
 And like a flood His mercy rains
 Unending love amazing grace

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.

BlessingAnnouncementsRecessional Hymn385 “Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness” *Uttingen*

V1 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

V2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness; high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

V3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou canst recon as thine; truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness, these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

V4 These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear, mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling, and hope for our fear.

V5 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; bow down before him, his glory proclaim; gold of obedience and incense of lowliness bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name!

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Shall We Gather at the River”

K. L. Phillips

*We wish to thank vocalists Christina Bosco, Cathy Clark, Patricia Whitfield
Guest Instrumentalist: Alex Andrews (Violin)
for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

You have the capacity to give from abundance. There is so much love within you that can be poured out to those around you. Do you know yourself as someone who is loved? Can you recognize how active God’s Spirit is within you? You are loved and the abundance of God’s life is with you. Out of your abundance, love flows.

The example of this in the parable is the father letting the prodigal son leave home, and then forgiving him. Love does not seek revenge by saying, “You did this to me and now you must pay me back. “ There is nothing in the father that needs to show superiority or demand something back. The father welcomes his sons just as they are. His love is there for them whether they are at home or away. Love flows from the heart, longing for reunion. This same love flows from each of us because God’s Spirit of abundant love flows through our hearts. (Henri J. M. Nouwen)

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.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Give thanks for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Queen's College.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

Give thanks for the Area Councils of the diocese.

IN THE HURONIA DEANERY: Give thanks for Huronia Food Banks.

Want to Help the Ukraine?

Many of us are anxious about the fate of the Ukraine and the world involvement but wonder what we can each do .

1. We can pray for the people of the Ukraine and all involved in this war. Here is a sample prayer if you want to use it:

Lord Jesus, the protector of the vulnerable, stretch out your hand over the frightened people of the Ukraine. We pray for those who are displaced and for those who wait in anxiety. Gather them each to the other for courage and solidarity. Offer them your peace to relieve their apprehension. We pray for the smooth and speedy resolution to this conflict and especially for the safety of all in the midst of this chaos. Amen

2. Make a donation if you are able to a reliable donation centre. Two suggestions are:

a) Primate's World Relief and Development Foundation Ukrainian Relief Fund (make cheque payable to St. James' noted for PWRDF Ukraine)

b) Canadian Red Cross -visit their web site at give.unhcr.ca and follow instructions

Needed - Reusable Shopping Bags

Pennywise Shop is phasing out plastic bag use and is in need of clean reusable shopping bags . If you have reusable bags you don't need please donate to Pennywise Shop.

Your help with this request will be another small step to better environmental practices *Thanks.*

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.

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.

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 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.

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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