

St. James' Anglican Church

The Second in Lent

Sunday March 1st, 2026

Holy Eucharist and Baptism - 10 a.m.

Celebrant & Homilist: The Venerable John E. Anderson

Director of Music - Mr. Jeff Campbell

Organ Preludes

Processional Hymn #559 CP) "Blessed Jesus At Your Word"

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Welcome

The 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.

There is one body and one Spirit,

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of 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.

Gathering Hymn "This is the Day"

L. Garrett

Sung Twice

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be

glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Gathering Prayer

Holy God, whose Spirit's breath prompts our seeking: transform the night-time of our fear into a welcoming womb for us and all the world; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading of Genesis 12.1-4 a (Pg. # 11)

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

Second Reading of Romans 4: 13-17 (pg. #1093)

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

The Gospel

Before the Gospel #9 (CP) "Today, I Awake" *Slithers of Gold*

Verses 1 & 2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How

can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (*John 3: 1-17*)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel #9 (CP) "Today, I Awake"

Slithers of Gold

Verse 3 & 4

Sermon: Archdeacon John

Solo: "I See the Love of God in Every River" arr. David Ouchterlony
Christina Bosco, Soloist

Prayers of the People: Mae Cox

Prayers of all Children

Let the little children come to me: do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs (Mark 10:14b).

We come today carrying children in our hearts – the children we brought into the world, our grandchildren, children we care for in our work, children we speak out for in our witness. Let the children come! We come today with hearts that sing with thanksgiving – thanksgiving for the wonder of childhood, the lives we have touched and that have touched us, the gains for justice, the steps towards peace.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them and us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them and us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptismal Hymn #35 (CP) "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"
Beach Spring

Thanksgiving over the Water

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. In joyful friendship with your Son, we bring into fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism of Sterling

(Parents and sponsors)

I present Sterling to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

(Parents and sponsors)

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help Sterling to grow into the full stature of Christ?

(Parents and sponsors)

I will, with God's help.

The celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of Sterling.

Do you desire to have Sterling baptized into this Christian community?

We do.

Will you encourage Sterling to learn from the wisdom of the prophets: doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with him God?

We do.

Will you foster for Sterling an appreciation for the life and teachings of Jesus in concert with an appreciation for diverse religious traditions?

We do.

Will you teach Sterling to honour the faith questions that belong to him throughout his life?

We do.

Will you journey with Sterling to discover the wonder of God's love made manifest here this day?

We do.

(For the congregation)

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Sterling in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptism

Sterling, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Sterling the forgiveness of sin and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen**

The Giving of the Light

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, let us welcome Sterling, newly baptized and our sister in Christ.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" *Hanson Place*

V1

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes! We'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

V2

On the bosom of the river, where the Saviour King we own, we shall meet, and sorrow never 'neath the glory of the throne.

Refrain

V3

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

V4

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Refrain

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer before Communion

God of wisdom may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3 (BAS pg. 218)

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to

show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices in to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus 732

Community Mass/R. Proulx

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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;**

Celebrant 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 children, 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Invitation to the Table

So, come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

#747(CP) "Jesus, Lamb of God" (could just be Lamb of God)

Schubert/Proulx

The Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. If you do not wish communion but a blessing, please cross your arms and the priest will bless you. In the Anglican tradition wine is administered from a chalice or common cup. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice you can cross your arms, and the words of institution will be said. We do not practice intinction or dipping the bread in the cup.

Hymn #543 (CP) "Unto the Hills" Sandon

Hymn "Freely, Freely" C. Owens

V1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His love as He told me to:

Refrain

He said, "Freely, freely you have received. Freely, freely give. Go in My name, and because you believe, others will know that I live."

V2

All power is given in Jesus' name, in earth and heaven in Jesus' name; and in Jesus' name I come to you to share His power as He told me to:

Refrain

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share on the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn # 560 (CP) "God Whose Almighty Word"
Moscow

Dismissal

We are followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and serving the world God loves. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

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