



Welcome to St. George's

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

11:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST – FACEBOOK LIVE

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* John 3:16

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Welcome to our church family!

Rector The Rev. Canon Ralph Blackman

Singers Sarah Schmidt-McQuillan, Matt Oxley

Organist Gerry Manning

Reader Kate Henderson

Videographer Laura Keller

Sexton Toni Atieh

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on land that, at the time of contact, was held by the Attawandaron as an area of trade and ceremony by the 2 rivers. At various times the land was occupied by both Haudenosaunee from the south and Anishnaabe from the north. In more recent times the Huron Treaty gave rights to the Mississaugas of New Credit. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

Readings for Next Week

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21



The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of the Province of the Congo
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishop Susan and the people of the Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton

St. George's Parish Family Prayer Cycle

Bill & Alice Jones, Kate and Thomas; Janet Jones; Kimberly Jones; Robert & June Jones and Sydney; Robert & Lynda Jones; Ruth Jones; Scott & Heather Jonsen and Amelia; Paul & Meghan Jordan-Barry, Augustus and Atticus; Lee Joyes; Teresa Kane; Edward & Janice Kapuscinski and Lee.

(during the course of the year, we are praying for all parish households)

Welcome and Announcements**Introit** *Kyrie Eleison* (Missa Sancta Maria Magdelena)

Healey Willan

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Presider Science tells us that a person makes about 35,000 choices in a day. 35,000 choices each and every day! In the prayer of confession, we pause to take a moment to think and to ask: How many of our decisions are choices God would have us make? How many are not? So let us pray together, knowing that we need guidance, and trusting that even if we fall, God is showing us the way.
(silence)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presider God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables.
All **We have built tables on which oppression dines, sexism thrives, and racism lives.**
Presider God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are,
All **of turning faith into a negotiation tool and the church into a place for insiders.**
Presider God of Justice, we are guilty of ignoring the point;
All **for you taught that the temple was for worship and your message was for all.**
Presider God of our hearts,
All **be in our decision-making.**
Presider Draw near to our choices.
All **Forgive our mistakes.**
Presider And as you do,
All **flip every table, habit, belief, or point of view that needs adjusting.**
Presider With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Presider Family of faith, the good news is that God took on flesh and walked this earth to show us the way. God took on flesh so that we could see what it looks like to disrupt and overturn systems of corruption. God took on flesh to teach us another way. God took on flesh to point us to restoration. God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven. Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just and merciful God. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Collect for the Day

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.
All **God of the covenant, give us zeal to discern the foolishness and the wisdom of this present age, so that we may proclaim Christ crucified; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**First Reading**

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the

wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn 171 *What Does the Lord Require (verses 1, 2, 4)*

Sharphorne

Gospel Reading

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making God's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:13–22

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Canon Ralph Blackman (*followed by silence for reflection*)

Hymn

Again and Again

Music by Hannah Rand; Lyrics by Lenora Rand

1. When borders are being drawn
And families are torn at the seams,
It's getting harder and harder to see
What any of this means.

When hate is having its day
And children are shot in the street,
Sometimes there's no way
Death has lost its sting.

Chorus

Why are things so broken?
Again and again we pray
Where has all the mercy gone?

2. The writing's on the wall;
We just wish that we could sleep.
We wanna close our eyes;
We're not who we want to be.

We look in the mirror
And we don't like the face that we find.
We pray that you are listening.
God, forgive us one more time.

Chorus

Bridge

We are looking for your face;
We are calling out your name.

And if we're silent
Even the stones will cry.
Even the stones will cry.

Hold us, show us
Again and again
Your love remains.

Hold us, show us
Again and again
Your love remains.

Ending

Everything's so broken,
Still your love remains.

Prayers of the People

The Peace

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

All **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 Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

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

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
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, Jesus 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.**

Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **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 Bread

Presider We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Invitation to Spiritual Communion

Presider You are invited to receive spiritual communion with the following prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, and make in my heart your dwelling place and home. I seek to love you with all my heart, mind, soul and strength, and so, through your presence in bread and wine, I receive you afresh and praise you for you are my God. As you fill me, so may my love for you and for all your people, rise and overflow, that with joy and thanksgiving, I may serve you in the world you love. Amen.

Communion

Music *Agnus Dei*

Healey Willan

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Hymn 512 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

African American Spiritual

Sending Forth

Presider As we leave this space,
May your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.
And may this be your rhythm –
Again and again and again,
Until God's promised day.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself,
Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace.

All **Amen.**

Postlude *Adagio*

Baldassare Galuppi

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