



## *Welcome to St. George's*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 19, 2023**

**10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**

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. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself to one of our Wardens, Greeters, or Clergy. Welcome to our church family! If you need to have communion brought to you in the pew, please let the Greeter know before the service begins.

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## Readings for Next Week – Fifth Sunday in Lent

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

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## The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
  - **Anglican Church of Canada** – Linda, Primate; Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan
  - **Diocese of Niagara** – Susan and Colin, Bishops; the people of St. Jude's Church, Oakville
  - **St. George's** –with thanks for the faithful and dedicated work of the staff members of our church office
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## Our Mission

*Make Jesus Christ Known*

## Our Goals

- *Make St. George's a place of prayer and seeking after God*
  - *Faith where Christ and the Gospel are proclaimed*
    - *Outreach to those in need*
  - *Engagement in the issues that confront us today*
    - *Love where all find a warm welcome*

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 two 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 the Credit First Nation. May we who dwell on or visit this land also be good stewards and honour those who came before us.

**Prelude**     *Prelude on Grafton*

D. Thorne

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** *(stand)*

**Hymn 9**     *Today I Awake*

Slithers of Gold

**Children's Focus** *(sit)*     The Rev. Victor Kischak

**Greeting** *(stand)*

Presider     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All**     **And also with you.**

**Collect for the Day**

Presider     Let us pray.

**All**     **Gracious God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** *(sit)*

Reader     A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

God said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And God said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to God.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what God commanded, and came to

Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to God; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely God's anointed is now before God." But God said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has God chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has God chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "God has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. God said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of God came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:1-13.

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

**Hymn 446** *Word of God, Come Down on Earth (verses 1-3)*

Liebster Jesu

## **Gospel Reading** *(remain standing)*

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     As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said,

"How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in

sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

John 9:1-41

Reader     The Gospel of Christ.  
**All**        **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Hymn 446**     *Word of God, Come Down on Earth (verse 4)*

Liebster Jesu

**Homily**        The Rev. Victor Kischak  
*(followed by silence for reflection)*

**Anthem**        *Purify My Heart*  
*Guitar: Chris Deeves*

B. Doerkson arr. P. Tierney

**Apostles' Creed** *(stand)*

Presider     Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All**            **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy**

**Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People** (*stand, kneel or sit*)

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

*(silence is kept)*

Presider Most merciful God,  
All **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.**

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.**

**Sharing of the Peace** (*stand*)

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn 352** *Amazing Grace*

New Britain

**Prayer over the Gifts** (*remain standing*)

All **God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through 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 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 Parent 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.

**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.**

*(see Hymn 689)*

Presider 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 Jesus 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 forever.

**All Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**All 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 them that 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 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**

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **During Communion**

**Hymn 51** *Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*

Grafton

### **Prayer after Communion** *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

**All Gracious God, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,  
**All 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**      *(remain standing)*

Presider      May 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and those that you love,

**All**              **and those that you should love,**

Presider      now and forever.

**All**              **Amen.**

**Hymn 520**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Dominus Regit Me

**Dismissal**

Presider      Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**              **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *Wer nur den lieben Gott laesst walten*

J.M. Michel

*(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)*

## *Announcements*

### **PWRDF Lenten Resource**

PWRDF is offering a Lenten resource. It is called "Lent Without Borders" and features some of the best speakers from the Praying with PWRDF series. Find out more and subscribe to the series by going to **[PWRDF.org](http://PWRDF.org)**.

### **Carillon Concert Celebrates Spring**

A live carillon concert of music celebrating the arrival of spring will be presented **at St. George's Anglican Church at 12:15 on Sunday, March 26, 2023**. The concert will be performed by **Deborah Hennig**, a professional carillonneur and resident of Stratford who is visiting our carillon regularly. Deborah's 30-minute concert includes "Spring" from Vivaldi's famous Four Seasons, "Singin' in the Rain," the beautiful final chorus from Bach's St. Matthew Passion and other works. Congregation members are encouraged to bring a folding chair and set up outside the church or in the courthouse parking lot.

### **Easter Memorial Flowers**

You are invited to honor the memory of loved ones by donating to the flowers which will be decorating the church on Easter Day. Please contact us by noon on **Monday, April 3**. Please send an **email ([priestassistant@saintgeorge.ca](mailto:priestassistant@saintgeorge.ca))** with the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory the flowers are being given and the name(s) of the person(s) making the donation. If you do not have email, please call **Bernice Slater (519-821-6474)** to give her the information.

### **Big Blue Barrel**

As you may have noticed the Big Blue Barrel in the cloister is half full. More and more people are going to the Food Bank each week as food prices keep rising. Help us fill the barrel. If we each of us brought just one item from our pantry, we could easily fill it.

## St. George's Rummage Sale is back!

Please save your gently used treasures for the St. George's Rummage Sale, being held on **April 22** (Earth Day) from 8:00am-1:00pm in Palmer Hall.

Donations of good quality items\* will be accepted on:

- Wednesday, April 19  
from 2:00pm-8:00pm
- Thursday, April 20  
from 9:00am-3:00pm
- Friday, April 21 from 9:00am-8:00pm

A limited number of pick-ups can be arranged for those who are unable to bring their items to the church. Please let the office know if this is the case for you or someone you know and arrangements will be made.

Volunteers will also be needed for the drop-off days, as well as the Rummage Sale itself. Sign-up sheets are posted in the cloister, or simply email the office to indicate your interest.

\*We're accepting everything EXCEPT electronics and appliances.





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