



Welcome to St. George's

First Sunday in Lent

Quadragesima

March 9, 2025

8:30 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.

Presider	The Rev. Victor Kischak
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Server	Ian Gower
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Warden	Paul Deacon
Livestreamer	Laura Keller
Sexton	Andrew Wilson

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Anglican Church of Canada
- **Anglican Church of Canada** – Chris, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Acting Primate and Archbishop
- **Diocese of Niagara** – Bishops Susan and Colin; the people of All Saints' Church, Ridgeway

Welcome and Announcements

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commandments

Priest Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lord, have mercy upon us.

Priest The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy Spirit.**

Priest Let us pray.

Collect for the Day

Priest Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

People Amen.

Lesson Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader The Lesson is written in the twenty-sixth chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy, beginning at the first verse. When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard

our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Here endeth the lesson.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the fourth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the first verse.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Gospeller 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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Victor Kischak

Nicene Creed

All I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The

Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory

Priest Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High.

All Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

Intercessions

Intercessor

Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.

Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors

and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant Charles our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants Susan and Colin our Bishops, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Comfortable Words

Priest Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

St. John 3:16

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John 2:1, 2

HOLY COMMUNION

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Priest It is meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud

and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is the One that cometh in the Name of the
Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Consecration

Priest Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had

given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

People Grant us thy peace.

Communion

(if you need gluten-free bread, please request it before extending your hands)

Lord's Prayer

Priest 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.

Prayer after Communion

Priest Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

All And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Benediction

Priest May the peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you and remain with you, and those that you love,

All and those that you should love,

Priest now and forever.

All Amen.

Announcements

New Testament Discussion Series

As Christians we believe the careful study of scripture is vital to understanding our faith, so throughout the season of Lent we will be offering online New Testament discussion evenings led by the rector. Each session will run from 7pm - 8:30 pm with lots of time for questions and discussion. The online Zoom link for you to join will be sent out prior to the first session on March 12th. The topics we will be covering are:

March 12th: The formation of the New Testament, with an emphasis on the gospels

March 19th: The geo-political context of the New Testament

March 26th: Who is Jesus and how do we understand his death and resurrection

April 2nd: The apostle Paul, his writings, and the birth of the church

April 9th: The Book of Revelation and apocalyptic literature

Please click on the *New Testament Discussion Series* link on the main page of the St. George's website (www.saintgeorge.ca) or call the church office to have the meeting link emailed to you.

If you have any questions at all, please speak with Rev. Victor.

Emergency Procedures Training – This Sunday

This Sunday, at 9:45 am (between the two services) there will be a brief training session for staff, Wardens, Sextons and Greeters about procedures in the event of a fire alarm. Please meet at the back of the nave for this important but brief session. Contact Harry Oussoren (905-601-0348) if you have any questions.

Young Adult Ministry

The next YAM prayer meeting is scheduled for:

- Monday, March 10, 2025 at 8:00pm.

We will be gathering the library. If you're between the ages of 19 and 35 and would like to join in – or if you would just like some more information – please text 519-803-7307 to join the email chain and group chat or speak to a Warden for more details.

Guelph Connections Concerts

The Winter 2025 Cycle of Guelph Connections Concerts continues this Tuesday, **March 11**, at 4:30 pm with Quartet 1781.

Carillon Lessons

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play the carillon bells at St. George's? Our Guest Carillonneur Deborah Hennig is offering carillon lessons to anyone who is interested in exploring this unique and beautiful instrument. Lessons are open to adults and youth at least 12 years of age who know how to read music. Please contact Deborah for further information at 519-703-4657.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

The Sunday School is looking for volunteers who will occasionally help out in the classroom, approximately once every 4-6 weeks. Duties would include helping small children complete activities such as crafts, and supervising free play. A criminal record check is required for this role and can be facilitated through the church office. Please speak to Hannah Keller in the Sunday School room if this role interests you.

Chi Rho Fellowship Meeting

Chi Rho Fellowship meets Thursday **March 13** at 1:00 pm at All Saints Church on Silvercreek Pkwy. Please join us as we listen to our speaker from Hospice Wellington describe the amazing, heartfelt work they do for our loved ones in the community. This is a wonderful way to spend an enjoyable afternoon, sharing conversation and meeting others. Any adult is welcome, including your friends and neighbours. Please park around to the back of the church to access the Hall.

St. George's Book Club

Next Meeting: **March 18th**, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the Church Library and on Zoom
Book: Table for Two by Amor Towles

This book is a series of 6 short stories based in New York and a Novella set in Golden Age Hollywood. The New York stories take place around the year 2000 that feature consequences that spring from brief encounters and compromises at the heart of modern marriages. The Novella story brings back one of his most beloved characters, Evelyn Ross and describes how Eve creates a new life for her and others that takes us through movie sets, bungalows and dive bars of Los Angeles. Contact Anne McGee - acmeeee995@gmail.com

St. George's Community Closet

The young adults of St. George's are in the process of developing a 'Community Closet,' to provide acute care to those in need. This will be a cabinet containing a few basic clothing, food and toiletry items that anyone in the parish is welcome to access & provide care both quickly and discreetly. We have purchased a cabinet and now are in the process of gathering these much-needed items to stock our closet. A sign-up sheet is available in the cloister for items on our wish list. To manage donation volume, please only bring in items on the wish list. If you have any questions about this Community Closet initiative, please speak to Hannah Keller directly, or by emailing hannah.km.keller@gmail.com.

Take Heart

@ St. George's Church



Wednesdays from 11:00am-2:00pm
Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm
beginning January 15, 2025

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A simple idea.

St. George's Church will be open for anyone who wants to enjoy some quiet time, unbothered, in the beauty of our church.

- enjoy the beautiful windows
- light a candle
- read
- knit
- contemplate
- have a minute to yourself

Come and go as you like. We look forward to welcoming you!

If you would like to support this ministry, we will require at least 2 volunteers to be in the church while it is open. Feel free to bring your own book/activity—we simply need your presence in case any visitors have questions. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who are interested. If you have any questions, please speak to Laura Keller.



SQUARE DANCING SOCIAL

in Mitchell Hall
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Contact Rani Varkey
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**FRIDAY
MARCH 28
2025**

Soup & Buns – March 23

"Our Spring Soup & Buns Lunch is 2 weeks away! If you would like to contribute a crock-pot of soup, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the cloister. And save the date to have a delicious lunch, for a free will offering that supports our Saturday Night Suppers ministry. Take-out soup is also available!"



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