



Welcome to St. George's

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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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The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- **Worldwide Anglican Communion** – The Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- **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, Welland (Dain City)

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Prelude *Slane (Hymn 506)*

Healey Willan

Welcome and Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY *(stand)*

Hymn 391 *Sing Ye Praises to the Father*

Afron Major

Children's Focus 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 Purity

Presider Almighty God

All **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: though Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Introit *(choir) Litany for Ukraine*

Jeff Enns

For a world drowned in darkness, let me be the light.

For a world lost in hatred, let me show love.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world steeped in suffering, let me offer comfort.

For a world that is lonely, let me be a friend.

Kyrie eleison.

For a world that craves warfare, let me be the dove of peace.

For a world that is weeping, let me wipe away the tears.

Kyrie eleison.

*For a world trapped in sadness, let me bring joy.
For a world in constant doubting, let me sow seeds of faith.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Collect for the Day

Presider Let us pray.

All Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives 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 Book of Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he

will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:1-9

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

Psalm 63:1-8

Refrain



*O God, you are my God; eagerly I • seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is
no • water.*

*Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy • place,
that I might behold your power • and your glory.R*

*For your loving-kindness is better than life it-self;
my lips shall give you • praise.
So will I bless you as long as I • live
and lift up my hands • in your Name.R*

*My soul is content, as with marrow and • fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful • lips,
When I remember you upon my • bed,
and meditate on you in • the night watches.R*

*For you have been my • helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will re-joice.
My soul clings to • you;
your right hand • holds me fast.R*

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 Luke.

All Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" Luke 13:1-9

Reader The Gospel of Christ

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*Lord make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy.
Amen*

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)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn 506 *Lord of All Hopefulness*

Slane

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 the Lord. 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hymn 719

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.**

Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

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

During Communion

Lamb of God

Hymn 745

Hymn 612 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Healer of Our Every Ill

Prayer after Communion (*stand*)

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 the Lord. 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 508 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Kingsfold

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Fughetta (from Five Pieces)*

Healey Willan

(please remain seated until the end of the Postlude)

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 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.

Young Adult Ministry

The next YAM prayer meeting is scheduled for:

- **Monday, March 24, 2025** at 8:00pm.

We will be gathering in 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.

Saturday Night Supper

The next Saturday Night Supper is on **March 29**. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, serving, and cleanup. A sign up form has been sent by email to those who have volunteered for previous suppers. Sign up sheets are also posted in the cloister. If you did not receive the email and wish to volunteer, contact Jon Fage at (519) 766-3417.

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.



Newcomers' Lunch – Sunday, March 30 – 12 to 1pm

So who says there is no Free Lunch?

If you are new to the Church, we would like to invite you to a "Newcomers' Lunch" in the chapel, hosted by Victor. It's our way of welcoming you to our Church and getting a chance to know you a bit better.

Over sandwiches and munchies, Victor will host an interactive discussion on:

- the history of the Anglican Church and the worldwide Church today
- St. George's: what we are, what we do and where we are going

So that we can plan, please **sign up on the list on the bulletin board or email office@saintgeorge.ca**.

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.

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 (the wish list is also posted on the St. George's website). 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.

Soup & Buns – March 23 – Today!

Our Spring Soup & Buns Lunch takes place today after the 10:30 service! Please join us for a delicious lunch for a free will offering that supports our Saturday Night Suppers ministry. Take-out soup is also available!"



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
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