



# *Welcome to St. George's*

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**March 9, 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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<b>Organist</b>	Gerry Manning
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## **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

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**Prelude**    *Chorale [Vater Unser] and Finale (Sonata 6)*

Felix Mendelssohn

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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

**Hymn 175**    *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Heinlein

**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.**

## **Collect for the Day**

Presider    Let us pray.

**All**        **Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **First Reading** *(sit)*

Reader     A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn 531** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord verses 1,2)* On Eagles' Wings

**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 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. Luke 4:1-13

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

**Hymn 531** *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (verse 4)* On Eagles' Wings

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

**Anthem** *Bread of the World* Peter Aston

*Bread of the world, in mercy broken,  
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,  
by whom the words of life were spoken,  
and in whose death our sins are dead:  
look on the heart by sorrow broken,  
look on the tears by sinners shed;  
and be thy feast to us the token  
that by thy grace our souls are fed.*

**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 628** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* (verses 1,2,3,7)

Puer Nobis

### Prayer over the Gifts

**All God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. 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.**

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 to share in the body of Christ.

**All            We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

### **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 512** *I want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Sojourner

## Prayer after Communion *(stand)*

Presider Let us pray.

**All Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. 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 564** *Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us*

Mannheim

## Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Vater Unser*

J.S. Bach

*(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 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](http://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 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.

### **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.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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