

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020, 10:30 am Service

St. James Anglican Church

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St. Mark's Anglican Church

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TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Welcome to this service of worship. We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the Wendat, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee Peoples have sought to walk gently on this land. They offered assistance to the first European travellers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

Prelude The Planets, Op. 32:IV Jupiter, Gustav Holst

A Service of the Word 2 (SW2)

The Gathering of the Community

Officiant Faithful God, the shelter of all who hope in you,
may we who seek your face be set free from fear and distress,
and come to see your goodness in the land of the living;
through Jesus Christ, our Light and our Salvation.

People **Amen.**

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

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.
We thank you, O God, that you have brought us together through the gift of
technology to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us
grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to
come; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

People **Most merciful God,
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.**

Officiant Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn *All My Hope on God is Founded*

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Officiant The Lord is our light and our life.
People **O come, let us worship.**

Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God *
and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his for he made it, *
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from the Book of Samuel

The Lord 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 the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 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 the Lord 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 the Lord; 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 the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord 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. The Lord 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 the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Samuel 16:1-13 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

You Are God

You are God: we praise you;
you are the Lord: we acclaim you;
you are the eternal Father:
all creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of the prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of Glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; *
for he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Reader Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, one God.
All: **Blessed be God forever.**

Reader A reading from the Book of Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

1
The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2
My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

3
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4
My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

As he 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 neighbors 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 become 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 worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment 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

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Andy Chisholm

Officiant Let us confess our faith 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.**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Deacon: Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We ask your grace for all bishops in your church at this time, remembering especially Michael our bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, and Linda our Primate. In our diocese, we pray for the people of the Parish of Land O' Lakes and the Rev. Nancy Beale who is Priest in Charge. And in the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for all the faithful in Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island. We pray also for Andy and Sue our priests, Sharon, Peter and Lisa our deacons, all of our honorary clergy, and for all us who minister in word and in action, asking that we may bear faithful witness to your good news.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We hold our province, our nation and our whole world in prayer during this time of crisis, especially all those who are afflicted with the COVID 19 virus. We pray particularly for researchers, policymakers, frontline workers and all those who are caring for the sick. We pray for our leaders and all in authority that they may make wise decisions for the welfare of all.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all universities and colleges remembering especially Queen's University, Royal Military College of Canada, and St. Lawrence College as they seek to both to keep their students, staff and faculty and the general public safe and also to ensure that their students can complete their courses and qualifications.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: O Lord our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend the city of Kingston to your care and pray for every city and community that they might be kept free from social strife and decay. In particular we pray for those at risk of being forgotten: the homeless, prisoners, the destitute and all who have none to care for them. Grant us strength of purpose and concern for others, that even in the midst of this health crisis we might be witnesses to your light.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: In our St. James church family we join with Tom Decker & Maurice Tomlinson in giving thanks for the improved quality of life for Maurice's mom, Carmen and offer prayers for the continued stability of her condition. We give thanks with Rosaleen Emmons for her family and good health and offer prayers for Gloria. Together with Don & Margaret Ford we give thanks of the love of family and friends and offer prayers for health concerns within the family.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for those who are traveling back home now by land, water or air asking that you would grant them safe passage. We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone. We pray especially for those who are in self-isolation or quarantine and for the loved ones many are no longer able to visit in long-term care homes, retirement homes, supportive housing, and hospices. Wherever we are may we your people know your presence ever near us.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We bring before you now all those who have asked for our prayers, remembering especially . . .
Rose, Tim, Wally, Martha, Irving, Jack, Skye, Donna & Grant, Janice, Danica, Brad & Georgia, Ryan & Gillian, Eileen, Don, John & Caroline, Rob & Alexandra, Jeff, Dan, Jennifer, Brian.
May all who sick in body, mind and spirit know your power to heal and those in any other need know your power to help and save.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Deacon: We pray for all those who have died from COVID-19 and those who mourn. We also commend to you those known personally to us who have died in the peace of Christ, remembering especially Jean Morrow, mother of Bill Morrow. Comfort Bill & Ruth and their family in their grief and may Jean rest in peace and rise in glory.

All: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

The officiant greets the people using these or similar words.

Officiant: In this uncertain time, may the deep and abiding peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, this day and forevermore.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts
we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,**

by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty 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 Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

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 those who 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.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

Hymn Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Officiant May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing through
the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Our prayers are asked this week in the:

[Anglican Cycle](#): Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

[Diocesan Cycle](#): Michael our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate and for the Parish of Land O'Lakes, Holy Trinity, Plevna, St. John's, Ardoch, St. Paul's, Flinton, The Rev. Nancy Beale and for the people of the parish.

[Special Prayers](#): Rose, Tim Kuhlmann, Wally Banks, Martha, Irving Cummings, Jack Pike, Skye, Donna & Grant Fletcher, Janice English, Danica, Brad & Georgia, Ryan & Gillian, Eileen Jones, Don Gosse, John & Caroline, Rob & Alexandra, Jeff, Dan Hall, Jennifer, Brian.

[Family Prayer Focus](#): **Tom Decker & Maurice Tomlinson**.....give thanks for the improved quality of life for Maurice's mom, Carmen; prayers for the continued stability of her condition.

Rosaleen Emmons.....gives thanks for her family and good health; prayers for Gloria.

Don & Margaret Ford.....give thanks of the love of family and friends; prayers for health concerns within the family.

[Mission Prayer Focus](#): PWRDF - prayers as PWRDF supports partners in Canada and throughout the world who are implementing grassroots solutions relevant tot the particular needs and situation of their local communities. This approach empowers communities to take a leading role in their own development, which ultimately moves them closer to a pace of sustainability and self-sufficiency.

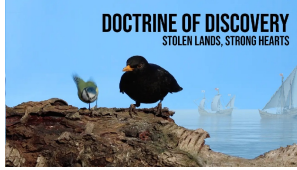
[The World and our Country](#): The humanitarian crisis in Syria; The COVID-19 pandemic, for wise and prudent leadership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Memorial Flowers

Due to the COVID19 pandemic St. James Church will not be proceeding with our usual Easter Memorial Flowers program.

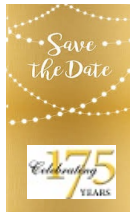
"Doctrine of Discovery - Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts" is a film prepared by the Anglican Church of Canada as one of its responses to the 94 Calls to Action released by the Truth & Reconciliation Commission in 2015. St. James' invites you to attend a seven-part workshop to view and discuss the truths presented in this film, starting Wednesday April 29, 6:30 pm. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please speak to Deacon Sharon or email her at sharon@stjameskingston.ca.



Sunday, March 22

Special Vestry Meeting -WILL BE RESCHEDULED - the Strategic Planning Working Group - Andy Chisholm, Don Ford, Rick Rowland, & Patti Black are looking into a new plan and date for the Special Vestry Meeting - watch for further announcements.

Save the Date - Friday, October 2, 2020



The 175th Anniversary Celebration Banquet will be held at The Donald Gordon Centre on Friday, October 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Tickets go on sale after Easter - tickets will cost \$50.00 per person. Join us for a delicious meal and hear our guest speaker, Bishop Peter Mason.