



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022, 10:00 am

A PARISH OF THE
ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector



The Return of the Prodigal Son, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1669

Welcome!

*We're glad
you're here!*

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us this morning—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance. You're warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

– THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Prelude

Durch Adams Fall

G. A. Nomilius (1714-1785)

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 328 – “Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore”

Acknowledgement

Celebrant We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the x^wməθkwəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

All **May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.**

A moment of silence for reflection is kept.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

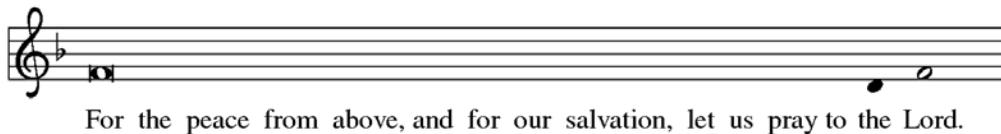
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Kyrie eleison – Lord, Have Mercy

(Kyrie; ELW Setting 3)



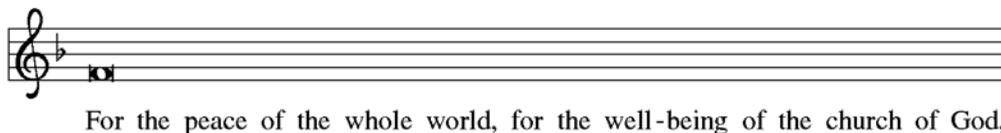
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



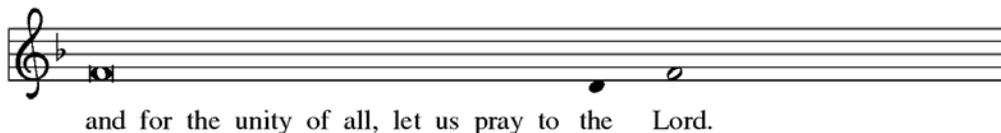
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



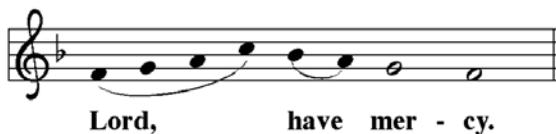
Lord, have mer - cy.



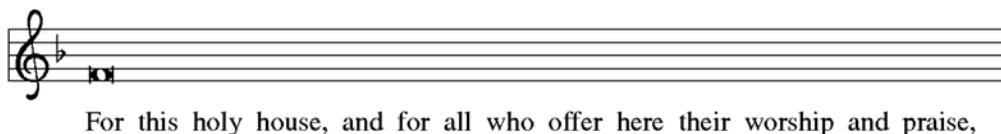
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



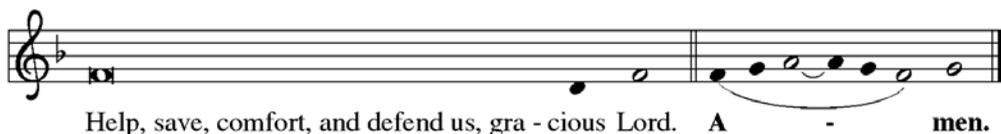
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

Children's Chat

– THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD –

Old Testament Joshua 5:9-12

read by Don Thomson

The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year. *NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.



Psalm 32 – “While I Keep Silence”



1 While I keep si - lence, si - lence, si - lence
 2 My thirst - ing spir - it, spir - it, spir - it
 3 All you who wan - der, wan - der, wan - der



in my flesh, my breath and bod - y fail.
 wastes a - way; I with - er in the sun.
 with - out hope, who know your man - y sins,



My sins grow bit - ter, bit - ter, bit - ter
 But as I'm turn - ing, turn - ing, turn - ing
 seek out the Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Sav - ior



in my mouth. My bones re - turn to dust.
 toward the night, you split the si - lent skies.
 while he's found; he hides you in his hand.



O God, I groan both day and
 O God, I stand be - neath the
 O God, you hear us day and



night, be - neath your heav - y hand.
 rain, be - neath the cleans - ing rain.
 night; re - store us by your hand.

Accompany with soft instruments or humming voices sustaining the pitches E and B.

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Music (SILENCE 8.6.8.6.8.6): James E. Clemens, 2005, © 2005 James E. Clemens

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

read by Don Thomson

I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say 'Yes, yes' and 'No, no' at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been 'Yes and No.' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not 'Yes and No'; but in him it is always 'Yes.' For in him every one of God's promises is a 'Yes.' For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us. NRSV

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 630 – “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd,”
Stanzas 1-3

The Holy Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable - Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine

took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe the best one and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with



prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." *NRSV*

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 630 – "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd,"
Stanza 4

Sermon *The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector*

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our Baptism, as we say,

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.**

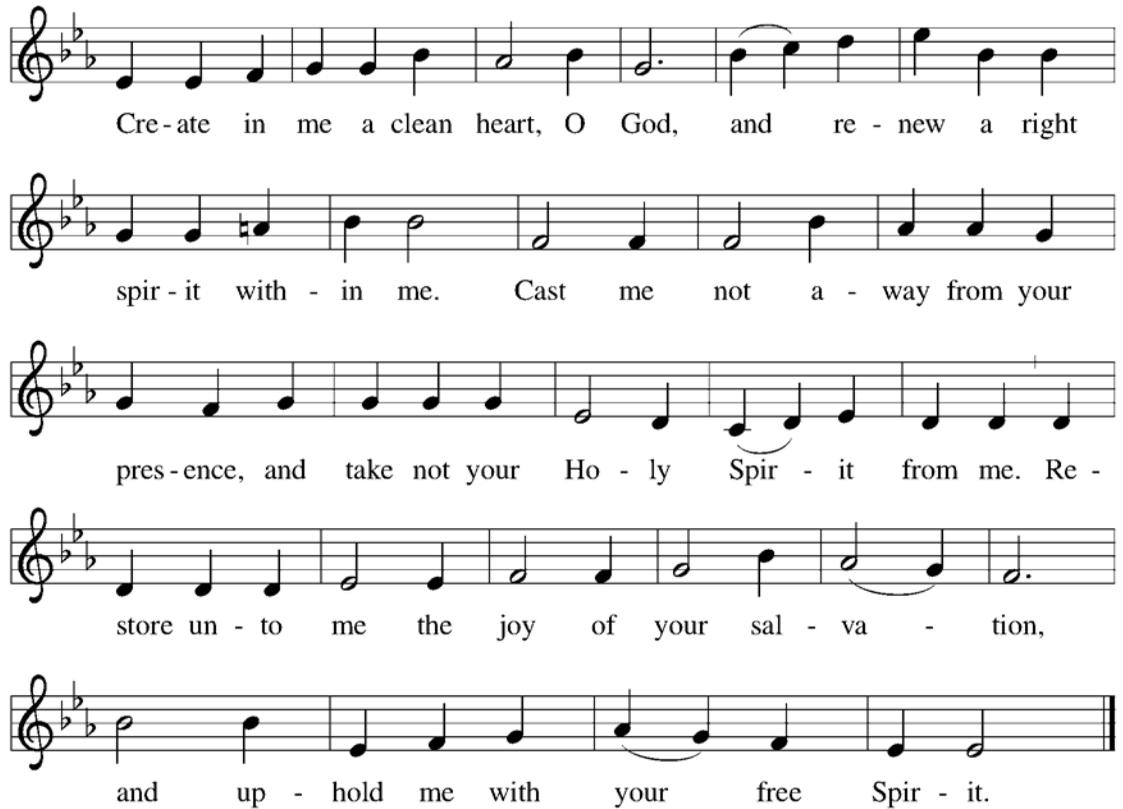
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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.**

The Prayers of the Community

Pat Brandon, Intercessor

The Preparation of the Gifts and Offertory Cantic



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Second stanza:

**Send forth your light and your love, O Lord;
Fill my heart with your Holy Spirit;
Lead me, lead me into your presence
And teach me to love your ways, O Jesus;
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit. A—men.**

– THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST –

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

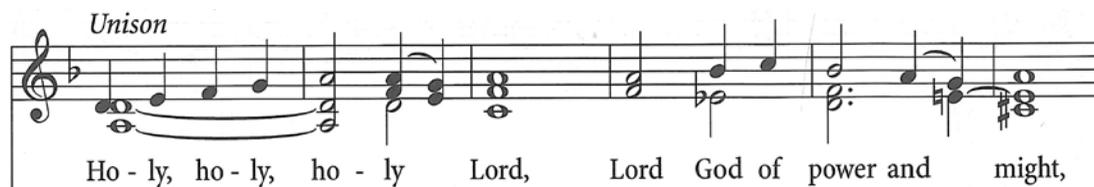
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

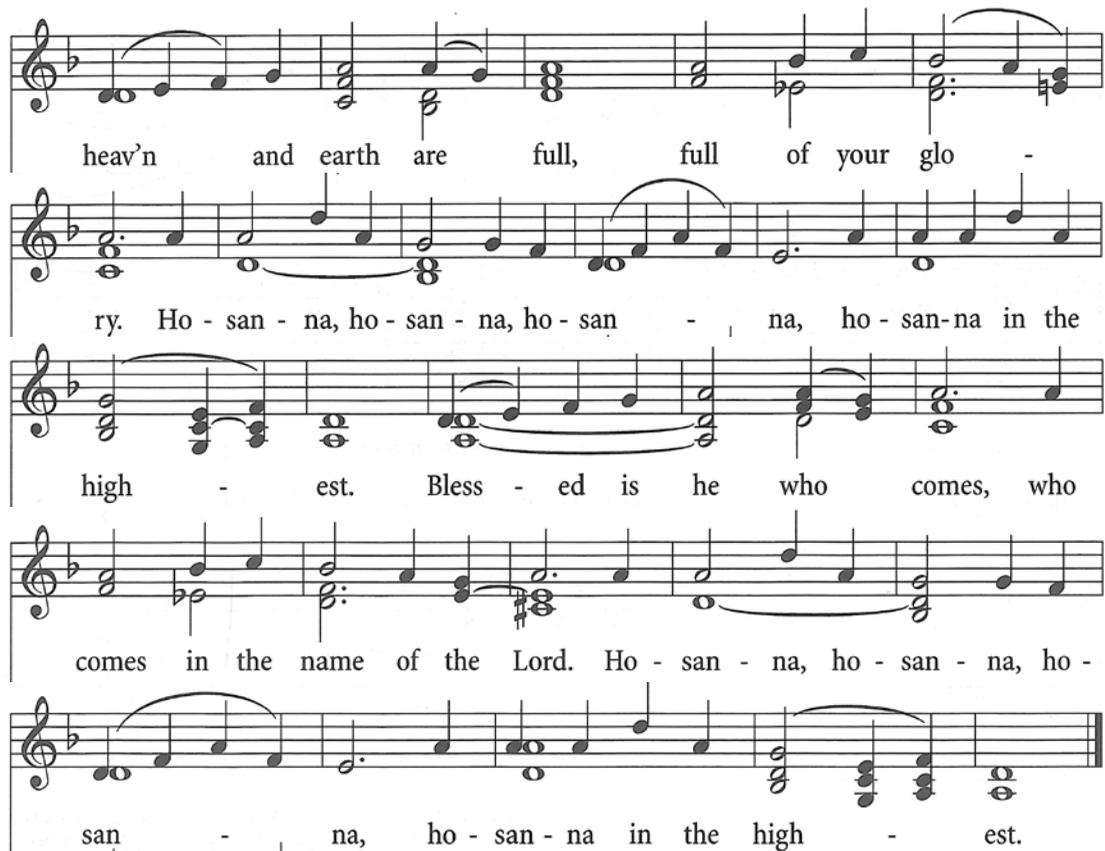
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Unison



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of power and might,



heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes, who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we proclaim our hope:

Unison

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

Celebrant

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Unison

A - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa - ther

177 in hea - ven Ha - llowed be your name

182 Your King - dom come Your will be done on earth

as in heav'n Give us to - day our

dai - ly bread For give us our sins as we for - give those

197 who sin a - gainst us Lead us not

in - to temp - ta - tion but de - li - ver us from c - vil

For the King - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours -
 now and for e - ver, A - men For the
 now and for e - ver, A - men

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Taste and see that the Lord is good;

Psalm 34:8

All **happy are those who take refuge in him.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Some helps regarding Communion at St. Philip's during COVID-19:

- *Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward for Communion;*
- *two lines are formed in the side aisles; if you wish to receive a blessing rather than to commune, please proceed to the Celebrant's queue;*
- *the bread, the body of Christ, is offered at this time so that we all can more safely celebrate the Eucharist together; temporarily, the priest receives the wine, Christ's blood, from the chalice, on behalf of God's people;*
- *hand sanitizer should be used before communing and is available as you come forward;*
- *please commune individually or in your cohort group to ensure safer physical distancing.*

The Distribution

Hymn CP 51 – “Now My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

Hymn CP 52 – “O God, Unseen Yet ever Near”

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Parish Announcements *Given by the Churchwardens*

– SENDING THE COMMUNITY FORWARD INTO THE WORLD –

Benediction

Celebrant May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith— *Ephesians 3:17-19*
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
And the Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favour and + give you peace.
All Amen.

Recessional Hymn CP 538 – "Nearer, My God to Thee"

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace. Christ is with you.
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude and fugue in G major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Let us pray for those who have died recently, remembering especially Geoff Ramsay, Bill Fairbank, and Lorne's uncle Adolf. Please pray for all those mourning recent losses at this time.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the church flowers in thanksgiving of a Birthday, Anniversary, or In Memory of a loved one, please contact the office at 604-224-3238. All donations are most appreciated.

ABENDMUSIK LENTEN VESPERS Sunday April 3rd at 7:30 PM

Join the Abendmusik Chamber Choir for this Lenten Evensong. The choir will perform works from the Renaissance to the present day. Mendelssohn's *Hear my Prayer* for soloist, choir and piano will be featured. Other works by Palestrina, John Rutter, Peter Togni and Henry Purcell will be performed. The Lenten Vespers will be livestreamed for those who live afar or cannot attend in person. All proceeds of donations at the door will go to the Menno Hall Building Project at UBC. [Read more here](#) and on St Philip's website <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/events>
Please plan to attend this meditative and beautiful event.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Thank you from the Neighbourhood Ministry

On March 19th St Philip's provided the supplies for the street outreach team (Mary and Jane). Joanne contributed fruit and hard boiled eggs and Katie made sandwiches. The packets were full of non perishable foods that had been donated by the parishioners of St Philip's and packed by Norah. Suzi had put together a generous supply of clothing and camping supplies. She also had McDonald's gift cards; these are always very popular. Mary and Jane had a good outing; they saw many regulars as well as a couple of people who they had not met before. One of the guys told them that he was late going to his usual spot on 4th and knew he would have missed them there so instead he went to Safeway on Broadway which he knows is later on our route. He and others say they enjoy seeing us as much for the company as for the supplies that we give them. Our volunteers also enjoy these social interactions. For a complete report of the outing [click here](#).

Rhona Thornton

Parish Liaison to the Neighbourhood Ministry

We now have a month to collect and stock up on the following items:

- Cans of meat or fish
- Pudding cups and fruit cups
- Cereal bars, soft ones
- Juice boxes
- Men's underwear
- Can openers, small ones

Donations can be left in the Narthex before church or you may leave items in the bins on the front porch:

Saturday, Sunday & Monday 8am - 4pm

Tuesday and Wednesday 8am - 7pm

If anyone is interested in sending out special treats for our next outing, the Saturday before Easter, we'd love to hand out banana bread, muffins or Easter chocolates. Please contact Suzi Noetzel at spnoetzel@me.com to sign up. *Thank you for all your support of this ministry.*

UKRAINE RESPONSE

We pray for all those who are threatened, harmed and displaced by war. "We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons" (Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell)

You may choose to donate to aid agencies to help alleviate suffering due to the war in Ukraine, such as these:

UNHCR: <https://www.unhcr.org/ukraine.html>

PWRDF: <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/pwrdf-ukraine-response>

Cdn Red Cross: <https://donate.redcross.ca/page/100227/donate/1?locale=en-CA>

"LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN" FLOWER BASKET SALE & BAKE SALE

We invite you to shop for fabulous flower baskets just in time for Mother's Day and early summer blooms. Shop securely on our website for lush, healthy flowers that last and last. You can hang the baskets, or simply remove the hooks to place the baskets on your balcony, porch or patio. Please invite your friends and family to shop.

Sales will be open online at noon Sat. April 2 - noon Sat. April 16 at <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com>

Pick up your pre-ordered flowers in the gym and shop our bake sale for tantalising treats on Sat. May 7, 10 AM - 2 PM. Take a look at the flowers that were offered last year at ["Little Bit of Heaven"](#)

ST. MARY'S KERRISDALE ELDERS GROUP

You are invited to attend a two-session Advance Care Planning Workshop, using materials and a facilitator trained by the BC Centre for Palliative Care, about the Advance Care Planning (ACP) process of "Think, Talk, Plan" that prepares participants and their families to make decisions about their future health care and personal care. The first session was held on March 19th.

Session 2: Saturday, April 2, 2022, 9:30am to 12:30pm via Zoom. [Register Here](#)

HYMN BOOKS

Lighter weight hymn books await you on the shelf in the narthex. Take one and replace it after the service.

NEW SERVERS NEEDED

This is an important ministry that includes processing the cross and candles, and assisting the priest to prepare and return the communion vessels. It is good preparation for children and young adults, and a prayerful leadership role for adults too. Training is offered for free! Please contact Deb Hamilton at debsham11@telus.net if interested.

2022 JUNO AWARD NOMINEE

Dorothy Chang is one of five nominees for a Juno Award for **Classical Composition of the Year** for her composition “Flight”, a concerto for solo flute and orchestra dedicated to her grandfather’s memory. We applaud Dorothy for this significant recognition! Read her family’s story, the inspiration of “Flight” at <https://www.dorothychang.com>

COVID PROTOCOLS AT ST PHILIP’S

We invite you to come back to church and attend gatherings as you used to, while following BC’s health protocols.

DO YOU RECEIVE THE BULLETIN AND ORDER OF SERVICE BY EMAIL?

If not, please sign up to be on the email and mailing list. Contact Tiffany Ho in the office (604-224-3238) or at manager@stpdunbar.com or fill in the name and address form in the Narthex and put it in the collection plate.

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN: Wednesday Noon

We include the Bulletin in the Order of Service which is emailed to all parishioners in our list, and is printed for those attending church. Send items for the bulletin to Tiffany Ho manager@stpdunbar.com

Communicate With Us

Thank you to all who have sent us questions, suggestions, reminders, and support. Please communicate with us about issues of interest to you.

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For more information about St. Philip’s, please see our website at stphilipsdunbar.com or call the office 604-224-3238. The office is open Monday – Friday 9.30 am -1.30 pm

From your Rector:

22 March 2022

Dear friends in Christ:

I'm writing to let you know that the clergy of the Deanery of Point Grey have nominated me to serve as Regional Dean of Point Grey.

This past Tuesday, Bishop John Stephens offered the appointment of Regional Dean of Point Grey to me, your Rector. Late last week, I assented to the Bishop's appointment; Bishop John announced the appointment to the diocese yesterday afternoon. This appointment takes effect April 1, 2022. We are very grateful for the caring and faithful service of The Reverend Christine Rowe, current and retiring Regional Dean for Point Grey and soon-to-retire associate priest at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale. Rev. Rowe was a touchstone of pastoral concern and kindness as I made my way into the DNW last autumn. We wish both Rev. Christine and her husband, The Reverend Stephen Rowe, every blessing in this new journey in life together.

The role of Regional Dean is a pastoral role rather than an administrative role; that is, the Regional Dean carries out the Bishop's pastoral ministry in a local region. The diocesan webpage for our Deanery needs updating (<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/find-a-church/point-grey>), but a listing of parishes is given: St. Anselm's at UBC, St Chad's in Arbutus Ridge (recently closed by a motion of Diocesan Council), St. Helen's in Point Grey, St Mary's in Kerrisdale, and St. Philip's here in Dunbar. With four local parishes in close proximity, the Deanery of Point Grey is not as large in number, as geographically-vast, or as complex as other Regional Deaneries in our Diocese.

Regional Deans serve their post in two-year terms of appointment, renewable by the Bishop for a maximum of six years of service. Term limits and revisions are absolutely necessary in church work—for both clergy and laity alike. We all have witnessed examples of how undefined, untended, or unnecessarily long terms of service lead to exhaustion, abuses of power, and unhealthy personal consolidation of what is designed and directed by God to be shared, cooperative work in God's Kingdom.

The responsibilities of the Regional Dean primarily include staying in touch with regional clergy to support them in their spiritual, emotional, relational, and vocational wellbeing. This is achieved through regular monthly meetings; one-on-one confidential pastoral visits with regional clergy; advising, mentoring, and being a soundboard for challenges and concerns. The Regional Dean helps to welcome newly-arrived church workers and ensures that they're well-connected, networked, and supported upon their arrival and as their ministries start in a new and unfamiliar setting. In addition, Regional

Deans attend quarterly leadership meetings and forge positive working relationships with the Bishop, Archdeacons, other Regional Deans, the Diocesan Dean, and Synod Staff.

The Regional Dean also works with congregations and clergy to host a regular (usually annual) Deanery Conference: a day-long convocation of area laity and clergy with speakers, food, presentations, massive carafes of coffee and tea, discussions, roundtables, resource fairs, visits, laughter, worship together, sharing pandemic experiences, singing together, and all sorts of opportunities for connection, networking, development, exchanging ideas, and finding new and exciting ways of coordinating ministry between parishes and groups. St. Philip's, I know you're going to be excited to be involved in this work!

Our next meeting of the clergy of Point Grey is in early April at St. Philip's, at which we bid a "Happy and Blessed Retirement!" to Rev. Rowe. On May 12, I will join our colleagues and the Bishop in Squamish for my first quarterly meeting with diocesan leadership. I haven't travelled up that way just yet—I'm looking forward to a work-day-trip and the beautiful drive.

I warmly invite and encourage you to attend the service of collation of the Archdeacon for Deacons as well as my own installation as Regional Dean at the Ordination Service at Christ Church Cathedral on June 11, 2022. The time is yet to be determined and I have been warned that this date may yet shift. Please use pencil if you're putting this in your calendar. We'll keep you updated as plans for the Cathedral service solidify.

Please keep me and especially the clergy and workers of the Deanery of Point Grey in your prayers and care. May we all offer incredible ministry to the Westside, together, united as one Body in Christ, serving as the variety and diversity of members, gifts, and personalities whom God calls together in his name and for the sake of his Church and our communities.

God bless and keep you all,

-Rev. Lorne Manweiler, Rector