



Order of Service for March 12, 2023

The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

9:30 am

Officiating: the Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles

Assisting: the Rev'd Betty Nadurak



WE ARE FAMILY

*[Jesus said], "...no one can snatch [my sheep] out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."
John 10: 29-30*

Through your human heart, we can catch a glimpse of the divine love with which we are loved and with which you yourself love us, because you and your Father are one.

(Henri J. M. Nouwen, Heart Speaks to Heart, 19)

Our focus this week is on Christian community. A woman once said to me, "If you had any idea of some of the things I've done, you wouldn't want me in your church." "I want what Jesus wants," I replied. "Jesus knows everything about you, loves you unconditionally and wants you in his family."

When we honestly reflect on the gravity of our sin, we may wonder why God would want any of us in his family, knowing what he knows about us.

But when we look to the cross of Christ, we see the depth of both his human and divine love. We witness the humanity of Jesus, absorbing the crushing burden of all of our wrongs and failures. And we see the divinity of Jesus, defeating the powers of sin and Satan.

How can a holy and righteous God accept us? It's because Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus serves as our advocate, our "defense attorney," before the judgement throne of God, where he affirms unequivocally that he is our blood brother who shed his blood for us. And the Father warmly welcomes into his family every blood brother or sister of his Son. We are family!

Heavenly Father, we thank you for accepting us into your family as your redeemed and forgiven children. Move us to invite and welcome everyone into your family of faith. Amen.

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Service of Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-Service Music: Red Songbook (RSB) #257
Rejoice in the Lord Always (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Common Praise (Blue Book—CP)
#352 Amazing Grace (screens)

Greeting: BAS, p. 230 (Book of Alternative Services - Green Book) (screens)

Collect for Purity (screens)

The Summary of the Law (screens)

Trisagion x3 (screens)

Collect of the Day (screens)

Children's Prayer before Going to Sunday School

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

EXODUS 17:1-7

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

Psalm 95 p. 833 (screens)

The Second Reading

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in

God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

ROMANS 5:1-11

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

Gradual Hymn: CP #494 Nor for Tongues of Heaven's Angels (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gath-

ering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

JOHN 4:5-42

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: *Praise to thee, O Christ.*

Homily

Apostles' Creed (screens)

The Prayers of the People

(Please sit or kneel for the prayers.)

Lenten Litany p. 121(screens)

Confession and Absolution (screens)

The Peace (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: CP # 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(For ways to give please see our website) (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer A: p. 241 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread: p. 246 (screens)

The Communion (screens)

Agnus Dei p. 247 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens) CP # 401 My Life Flows on in
Endless Song; CP # 541 As Longs the Hart; RSB # 159 In Mo-
ments Like These

Hymn after Communion (Please stand.): RSB # 114

Here I am Lord (screens)

Prayer after Communion (screens)

Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP #378 Crown Him with Many Crowns
(screens)

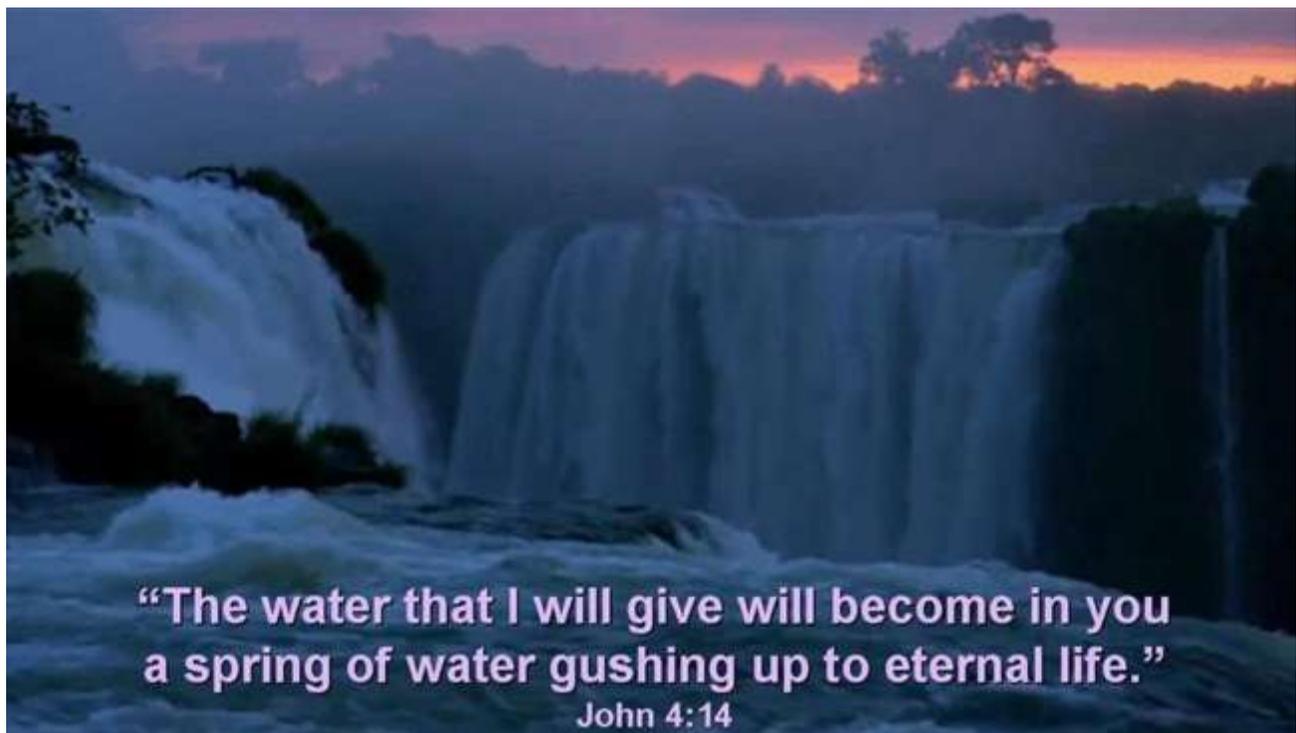
Sending (screens)

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You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in-  
person in the Hall; and/or at 11:45, online via Zoom. Here's  
the Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZdUz4MjFHWFdQdz09)  
[pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZdUz4MjFHWFdQdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87399496922?pwd=eWxvZDdTYUVuNjZdUz4MjFHWFdQdz09). We'd love to share these times  
of fellowship with you!

Reserved Sacrament can be picked up from the Office on  
Tuesday to Thursday from 9 am to noon. If you are not partak-  
ing during the Service, a written copy of the "Prayer for Com-  
munion" is available on our website in the same location as  
this Order of Service.

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Traditional Land Acknowledgement

**Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit
of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7
territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the
Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda,
including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations,
and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis
Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconcil-
iation and because we are all treaty people, we also
acknowledge all people who make their homes in the
traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.**



Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the ***Church of South India (United)***.

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: In the Anglican Church we pray for ***Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for the ***Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for our parish of ***Parkland Parish: St. Hilda, Arthurvale, St. David, Elnora, Holy Trinity, Pine Lake***; and their incumbent ***Larry Keddie***.

We lift to you our friends, in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***Janet, Charlotte and Katherine; Steven, Brenda, Emily and Sarah; Guy, Sarah and John; Carol, Landon and Quaton***; and for our clergy ***Fergus Tyson, Norman Knowles, Betty Nadurak, and Cyril Haynes***, and ***their families***.

We pray for our foster child Desta Keweti.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you Irma (mother of Rick); Stephen & Gloria; Chris; Julia; Verna; Barb; Terry; Dennis; Sheila; Peggy; Bob & Joanne; Gwen; Jacqueline; Margaret; Marlene; Fergus, Gail & Alyssa; Debra; Irma & Cyril; and Michael. **For those grieving**: Max; Alison, Lars & Ellie. **We thank you** for your healing touch, especially for ***Sandra & Shelley***, which sustains us every day; and for all the many healings that have taken place in our parish; and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers

We pray for containment of COVID-19 worldwide; actions guided by the safety of others; protection for all those on the front lines or especially vulnerable to its effects, in particular all who are homeless; and full restoration of health for all those who are ill. We also pray especially that our healthcare workers and healthcare system will not be overwhelmed by the number of cases of the virus. And we pray especially for all in our Parish who are sick with this virus. Please enable us to support them in any way they need.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, and for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that respect and honour all of God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. **We remember** the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for the over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be.

We pray for protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.