



March 19th, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

“This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it”

Service of Holy Communion
10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

Opening Hymn: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" Blue 397

The Gathering of the Community

The Greeting

Green 185

Kyrie Eleison

Green 186

The Collect of the Day

The Proclamation of the Word

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.'

(Ephesians 5: 8-14)

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 23

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Gospel Proclamation *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Gradual: "Jesus, Remember Me" Blue 634

Gospeler: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

As Jesus 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 neighbours 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 worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement 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)

Gospeler: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Gradual: **"Jesus, Remember Me"**

Blue 634

Sermon

Rev Michelle Jones

Our Response to the Word

Prayers of the People

Please be seated

Confession and Absolution

Green 191

The Peace

Please stand

Green 192

Offertory Hymn: "Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast"

Blue 478

Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer # 4

Green 198

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your preference

The Lord's Prayer

Green 211

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace.**

The Communion of the People

Communion Hymns

“Almighty god, Thy Word Is Cast” Blue 422

“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed” Blue 72

Prayer after Communion *Please stand if you are comfortable doing so*

Doxology Green 214

Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn “God, Whose Almighty Word” Blue 560

Dismissal

Our Eucharist has ended. Our service now begins. Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Announcements

- **Holy Week** Readers are needed for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please let Lori know if you will be willing to lend your voice.
- **Palm Cross making Saturday April 1st** @ 10 am in the Gathering Space.

- **Be Still for Lent, five week Lenten series.** Explore the simple, transformative practice of a daily quiet time with God. Sunday evenings @ 7:00 pm on Zoom or in person Wednesday @ 11:00 am.
- **Wednesday Mid-day Eucharist** @ noon. Bring a bag lunch.
- **Candles at 6** Wednesday evenings 6-7pm. The sanctuary is open for private prayer.
- **Prayers at the End of the Day** Facebook live Thursday nights at 9:00pm.
- **Lectio Divina** continues on Fridays at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- **Please sign up to help with Coffee Hour.** See the April, May and June, sign up sheet on the office bulletin board.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

World: People of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Philippines, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Taiwan, Iran, Turkey and Syria.

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Dr. Monique Taylor and the people of St. James the Apostle, Brampton.

St. James Cycle of Prayer: Shane Wieler and Sharon Mulder, Marjorie Wilkinson, Ross and Joan Wilson and their families. We also pray for the Hall family and the Mercer family as they prepare for baptism.

Those in need: Anne, Marjorie, June, Pam, Ross & Joan, Lois, Anthony, Heather, Glen, Bella, Roslynn, George, Mary, John, Christina, John, Heather, Ellen, Dorothey, Lyle and Rosemary, Lesley, Diane, Monica, Cosette, Lionel and Katerina.

Ways to Give

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~Move to Pre-Authorized giving. Form available on the 'Donate' page of website

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