

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023



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**10:00am SUNG EUCHARIST**  
**(Book of Alternative Services)**

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me  
will have the light of life. John 8:12*

**Today in worship, we honour the Irish roots of St. Paul's Cathedral by honouring both St. Patrick and the gift of Celtic Spirituality.**

**Prelude**      *Rhapsody on 'Londonderry Air'*      C.V. Stanford

**Processional Hymn** *I Bind unto Myself Today*      **Blue Book 436**

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**      **Green Book p. 185**

*Presider*      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.**

*Presider*      Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endures for ever.**

*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 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

*Presider*      Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism. As we come before our Creator and Redeemer, let us pray.

*Presider* Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.

How faithfully have we continued in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we persevered in resisting evil, and whenever we fell into sin, repented and returned to the Lord?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we proclaimed by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we sought and served Christ in all persons, loving our neighbours as ourselves?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*Presider* How faithfully have we striven to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, respecting, sustaining and renewing the life of the earth?

*All* **Lord, have mercy, and complete your work in us.**

*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.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

**Blue Book 687**

## **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Holy God, in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world, even when we are blind to your grace. Open our eyes to see your transforming love in our midst, so that we may see your world anew; through Jesus Christ, the saviour who shows compassion. Amen.

*People* **Amen.**

*Proper Working Group (2016)*

## **Collect for St. Patrick**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for Patrick, whom you took into your service, to bring within the freedom of your household those who once enslaved him. Encourage us through his example, that we may know your power made perfect in our weakness, and delight in serving others for the sake of him who became servant of all, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

**"Children's Corner"** *Children are welcome to join Heather at the back of the Cathedral.*

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading** | *Samuel 16:1-13*

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.

**Psalm 23**

Chant: Hylton Stewart  
**Green Book p. 833**

**Second Reading** *Ephesians 5:8-14*

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.**

**Sequence Hymn** *How Blessed Are All the Saints*

**Blue Book 277**

**Holy Gospel** *John 9:1-41*

*Reader* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Reader* 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 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 be-come 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."

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

**Homily**        The Right Reverend Robert Bennett

*Please be seated*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

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*Please stand*

### **The Canticle of Creation (by Saint Francis of Assisi)**

O Most High,  
all-powerful,  
good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honour and all blessing.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.  
O Lord,  
we think of you when we look at him.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars  
which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for our Brothers Wind and Air  
and every kind of weather  
by which you, Lord,  
uphold life  
in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Water,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for Brother Fire,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Earth,  
our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth fruits and vegetables  
of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for those who forgive  
for love of you;  
and for those  
who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience  
- you will grant them a crown.  
Be praised, my Lord,  
for our Sister Death,  
whom we must all face.  
I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility

**Peace**

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**Offertory Hymn** *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

**Blue Book 373**

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of creation. In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation.

And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

**Blue Book 722**

*Presider* God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself, Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation and the covenant you made with your chosen people.

Then he took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: 'Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you.'

In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples and said: 'Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

*All*

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

*Presider*

As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives. We share the cup of our humanity matured over the unnumbered centuries of the struggle that has gone into making this world; our living and dying, fears and hopes, futility and fidelity.

Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command:

through him with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

*People*

**Amen.**

*Today's Eucharistic Prayer (Second Creation Prayer) is taken from the Anglican Church in Southern Africa.*

## Lord's Prayer

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## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* We break this bread,

*All*

**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Presider*

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

**Gluten-free communion wafers** are available. Please indicate your wish to the administrant at Communion.

**Communion** **p. 213**

*Please move to the communion station closest to you.*

**Agnus Dei** **Blue Book 747**

**Communion Motet** *A Prayer of Saint Patrick* John Rutter

**Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray.  
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

*People* **Amen.**  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

**Doxology** **p. 214**

**Recessional Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* **Blue Book 505**

**Blessing & Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation in these or similar words:*

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Heroic March* C.V. Stanford



Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midway in our Lenten Journey to Easter. It is often referred to as Laetare or Refreshment Sunday. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the somewhat sombre period of Lent. The Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the traditional Latin Introit for the day: “Laetare Jerusalem” (“Rejoice, O Jerusalem”) is Latin from Isaiah 66:10. As part of today’s celebration, we will share a Simnel Cake which is a fruitcake originating from the United Kingdom and associated with Lent and Easter. When you come to Coffee Hour following worship, take note of the eleven balls atop the cake. What might they represent?

Thanks to Esther Moore for researching and creating today’s special Simnel Cake.

**Diocese of Huron Chain of Prayer** – Today we pray for the parishes of Trinity, Aylmer; St. John’s, Glencoe; St. Andrew’s, Muncey; and Zion, Oneida.

**Intercessions** – Bill, Christina, Ann & Ellis, Trent, Hunter, Angela, Linda & family, Florence, Bev, Kim, Marian, Marg, Shirley, Dez, Marion, Jacob, Paula, Krista, Ruth.

*This service is being live-streamed and recorded.*

*Presider* – **The Reverend Michael DeKay**

*Preacher* – **The Right Reverend Robert Bennett**

*Intercessor* – **The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Organist* – **Ian Sadler**

*Servers* – **Doug Campbell, Bryan Kenwell**

*Lay Administrants* – **Marilyn Freeman, Florence Perkes, Doug Campbell**

*Reader* – **Scott Davis**

*Greeter* – **Linda Gregson**

*Children’s Ministry* – **Heather Clark**

*Bell Ringer* – **Jean Willadsen**

*Wardens* – **Gord Rolleston and Greg Childs**

*Live Stream* – **Kyle Gascho**

*Sound Technician* – **Daniel Aldcroft**

**This afternoon @ 4:00 p.m.**  
**The Cathedral Choir will sing**  
**CHORAL EVENSONG FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**  
All are welcome and invited.

There will be a **Litany of Reconciliation** said every Wednesday @ 12:00pm during Lent at the Clarence Street entrance. Everyone is welcome to attend. The 12:15pm Eucharist follows in St. Aidan's Chapel.

**Music at Midday** – The recitals continue on Thursday @ 12:15 pm. These delightful and free, half-hour concerts will feature music for Organ, Piano, Cello, and Voice. This week's performer will be Nicholas Gryniewski, bass, St. Paul's Cathedral and UWO. We hope you'll stop in!

**TEMPORARY CHANGE** – Access to Parking Lot at St. Paul's Cathedral  
Due to the City of London's BRT project, the parking lot will not be accessible via Queens Avenue for the foreseeable future.

To access our parking lot, please enter the parking lot on Clarence Street (behind St. Paul's Cathedral and across from the Canada Life parking lot) and use the temporary ramp at the back of the lot to access our regular parking lot. Please see the map below for more information.



**Sundays @ 9** - The Clergy of St. Paul's Cathedral invite you to join them for a Lenten study entitled *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week* by Amy-Jill Levine. Sessions will be held in the Guild Room from 9 to 9:40am and run until Sunday, April 2. All are welcome!

Today, we honour Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the northern tribes of that country in the early fifth century.

A native of Cornwall or Devon, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates who sold him into slavery in their homeland. Six years later he fled his Irish masters, returned to Britain, and was eventually ordained to the priesthood. He had a vision that he would return to the land of his former captivity, and around the year 438 the vision came true. He was made a bishop and given charge over the mission to the Irish.

The great hymn called "St. Patrick's Breastplate" (today's processional) was probably not composed by him, but it does reflect the kind of Christian spirituality which he planted in the heart of the Irish nation – spirituality deeply penitential, but still more deeply alive to the sustaining presence of Jesus Christ.

- From *For All The Saints* (ABC)

## Celtic Spirituality

Celtic spirituality contains wonderful elements of joyful celebration. Kinship brings joy, whether it is within the tribe or family or with all the other creatures in the great circle of living beings. The Celts, pagan or Christian, had a deep sense of enchantment with the beauty and mystery of all around them. Celtic prayer often starts with taking pleasure in original 'blessings' more than lamenting origin 'sin'. In doing so, it communicates a primal joy. The tradition of Sabbath rest and peace, and the slower pace of life that has disappeared in most modern countries, still lingers in Celtic lands.

- William John Fitzgerald – *A Celtic Prayer Book*.

**Marmalade Update** – Marmalade sales have gone well this year, however there is still marmalade for sale. It will be available at coffee hour after the 10:00am service on Sundays and from Tim at the reception desk during the week. The cost is \$7.00 for an 8 oz. jar. Many thanks to all those who have helped with this project, and those who have purchased the marmalade.

**Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** – Please join fellow Anglicans from across Canada for the *Let Us Pray* virtual gathering on Monday, March 20 at 1:00pm. This month, our former Primate, Bishop Fred Hiltz will be speaking about St. Columba the Irish missionary who founded the abbey on the Scottish island of Iona. The Zoom link for this gathering can be found on the AFP Website at [www.anglicanprayer.org](http://www.anglicanprayer.org).

**A Wheelchair Accessible Washroom** is located at the back of the Cathedral.

**Wireless Hearing Assistance Devices** are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**New to the Cathedral?** Please fill out a welcome card, available in the pews and hand to one of the clergy following the service.

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**The Right Reverend Todd Townshend**

*Bishop of Huron*

**The Right Reverend Robert F. Bennett**

*Interim Bishop-in-Charge*

**The Reverend Michael DeKay**

*Vicar*

**The Reverend Pat Henderson**

*Deacon*

**The Reverend Dr. Virginia C. Lane**

*Honorary Assistant*

**The Reverend Canon Marian Haggerty**

*Honorary Assistant*

**Ian Sadler**

*Organist & Director of Music*

**Heather Clark**

*Children's Ministry*

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**Marsha Lemon**

*Deputy Church Warden*

**Marilyn Freeman and Marilyn Papple**

*Past Church Wardens*