

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023, 10:00 am



A PARISH OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector & Regional Dean of Point Grey

The Very Reverend Peter Elliott, Preacher & Celebrant

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 Fireside Room following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

– THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY –

Prelude

Sonatina from Cantata 106 (Actus Tragicus)

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwəta? (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.

Kyrie – A Pentetential Act

Presider / Cantor

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

S, A, Assembly

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

T, B

Presider / Cantor *S, A, Assembly*

You came to call sin-ners: Chri - ste, e - le - i - son; Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.

T, B

8 *Presider / Cantor*

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

9 *S, A, Assembly*

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

T, B

11 *Presider*

May al - mighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlast - ing life.

12 *S*

A, Assembly

A - men. A - men.

T, B

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All

Amen.

Children's Chat

– THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD –

“God’s Eyes Are Not Our Eyes”

One heresy in the early church was called Donatism. The Donatists held that the sacraments were only efficacious if presided over by priests who were sinless. It didn’t take the church long to realize that if it held to this policy there would be no sacraments for anyone. So if the gospel can be proclaimed through the preaching of a sinner, then we must allow for the possibility that God’s healing may be accomplished through extraordinary means. God chooses a boy too young to be taken seriously to anoint as one chosen to lead Israel. When the prophet Samuel is sent by God to find the new king who will replace Saul, Samuel goes through a long line of all Jesse’s tall, strapping, competent-looking sons of appropriate age. When none of them are chosen, finally Jesse sends for young David. All of the obvious-to-us choices were declined in favour of a boy. What we may see as authoritative, respectable, and trustworthy may not always align with God. Today’s first reading reminds us that “the Lord does not see as mortals see” (1 Sam. 16:7). This theme of sight runs throughout today’s texts, both in terms of how God does not see as we see and also in Jesus’ healing of a man born blind. Jesus chooses to heal a blind man on the sabbath with dirt and saliva, much to the dismay of the good religious people who were certain they knew better than to display such questionable judgment and behaviour. Lent is a time to reevaluate. Let it also be a time to examine the ways in which we do not see what God is doing around us because we too think we know better. Bottom line: God often uses the unexpected to accomplish redemption.



First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Old Testament, p. 259)

read by Sheryl Mackay

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord’s chosen successor to Saul.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 CP 519 – “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 (New Testament, p. 194)

read by Angharad Grey

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

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All **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

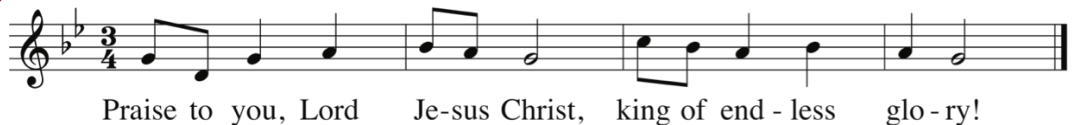
Choir sings once through, then all sing:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

Choir: "I am the light of the world," says the Lord; "whoever follows me will have the light of life.

All sing:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry!

The Holy Gospel John 9:1-41 (New Testament, p. 102)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

After the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon *The Very Reverend Peter Elliott*

The Apostles' Creed BAS 189

The Prayers of the Community

Glenn Sutherland, Intercessor

Confession and Absolution

ELW, Sundays and Seasons, for Lent

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Celebrant begins.

Celebrant Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Celebrant Holy God,

All **we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Celebrant Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

All **This promise is for you!**

Celebrant God embraces you with divine mercy, ✠ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The members of the community, ministers & people, may greet each other in the name of the Lord.

Preparation of the Gifts & Offertory Hymn CP 612 – "Healer of our Every Ill"

– THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST –

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

People **Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence**

Celebrant through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW Preface & EuchPr for Lent

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

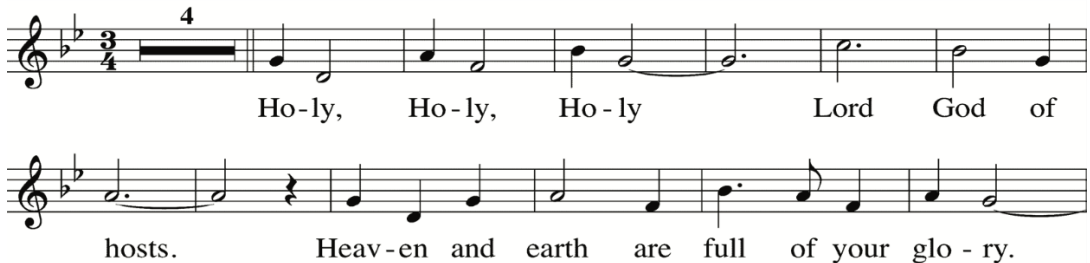
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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 Saviour 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:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. It features a four-measure rest marked with a '4' above it, followed by the lyrics 'Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.' The notes are primarily quarter and half notes, with some dotted rhythms.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and this cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

All **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Choir.....
A - men, a - men, a - men!

All.....
A - men, a - men, a - men!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Come and receive Jesus,
All **our strength in the wilderness.**
Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

To repeat
world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time
world, grant us peace.

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 as well as the Cup, the blood of Christ;*
- *drinking from the Common Cup is optional, and you are welcome simply to bow or touch the cup in acknowledgement if you prefer;*
- *intinction (dipping the host in the wine) is not permitted due to wheat contamination concerns for those with celiac disease or wheat allergies;*
- *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 CP 78 – “Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness”

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

People **With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbours and touch the world with your love.**

Celebrant In the name of Christ we pray,

All **Amen.**

Parish Announcements *Given by the Churchwardens*

Benediction

Celebrant Go now, trusting in God's promises.
Emerge from darkness with faith-opened eyes;
seek the presence of the Lord
and abandon yourself to prayer.
Follow those who are faithful to God,
stand firm against evil and seek healing for all.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And may God be your saving light and fortress;
May Christ Jesus gather you into the safe wings of grace;
And may the Holy Spirit make you citizens of heaven.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CP 520 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Dismissal *The Celebrant dismisses the people, saying,*

Celebrant Go in peace. Serve in love.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren

J.G. Walther (1683 - 1748)

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PARISH NOTICES

Upcoming at St. Philip's

Sun 19 Mar	10:00 am	Fourth Sunday in Lent – Eucharist celebrated with The Very Rev. Peter Elliott Live Streamed Worship at 10 AM at https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/ Recorded on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicandunbar
Sun 19 Mar	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Tea & Talk: St Philip's hosts Ukrainian families
Sun 19 Mar	6:00 pm	TONIGHT – All Parish Open Gym & Potluck: a fellowship gathering for all ages – all are welcome!
Mon 20 Mar	Regular office hours	Rev. Lorne & Tiffany return to the parish office
Mon 20 Mar	7:30 pm	Fundraising Meeting on ZOOM. Contact Suzi at spnoetzel@me.com
Tues 21 Mar	7:30 pm	Intercessors' Workshop in the Church with Rev. Lorne
Wed 22 Mar	7:30 pm	THE WAY OF LOVE - Lenten Study (ZOOM) – Session 4 with Rev. Lorne
Sat 25 Mar	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Geoff & Joyce Ramsey (Reception to follow)
Sun 26 Mar	10:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent. Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Lorne Manweiler <i>Readings: 1 Sam 16:1-13, Ps.23, Eph 5:8-14, John 9:1-41</i>
Mon 27 Mar	–	Kiwanis Music Festival begins (FSR, Gym, & Church)

PRAYER LIST

- Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Dorothy Martin, Iona, Jenny, Diana Bragg, Tony Ray, Sally Clinton, Nathan Hepburn, Christine, Jane Davis, Sarah, Adele and Cameron Wonnick, Ann Ringgold, Billie, Greg, Leslie, and David.
- We pray for those who have died. We pray for comfort and peace for all loved ones and friends who are experiencing loss.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

If you 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 Tiffany Ho at 604-224-3238. All donations are most appreciated.

TEA & TALK: Sunday March 19, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Tea & Talk is a community-building, monthly gathering for Ukrainians who have come to Vancouver since Spring 2022. Most are mothers with children, and a very few husbands have been able to join them. Parishioners are invited to help Debbie host adults in the FSR and play with children in the gym. <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/tea-talk> and <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/tea-talk> Contact debbiematheson53@gmail.com

ALL PARISH OPEN GYM AND POTLUCK: Sun March 19, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Come and join fellow parish members for a potluck supper with fellowship, followed by board games if you like, or more fellowship! This will be our second gathering since Covid. Come and find out what all the fun is about!

GEOFF AND JOYCE RAMSAY - Memorial Service this Saturday

The memorial service for Geoff and Joyce Ramsay, long-time active members of St. Philip's, will be held on Saturday, March 25th at 11:00 am with a reception in the Fireside Room following the interment in the Memorial Garden. All parishioners are invited to attend.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The date indicates that there will be Godly Play that Sunday in the Garden Room as teachers are available.

No date listed means we have no teachers on Sunday. Our Church School is gathering teachers to share in leading the lessons. Training included. Contact Deb Hamilton (debsham11@telus.net) if you are drawn to this ministry.

LENTEN STUDY – “THE WAY OF LOVE” - Wednesday Evenings in Lent at 7:30 pm on Zoom
Continuing on Wednesday, March 22, join Rev. Lorne on ZOOM for “The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centred Life.” *The Way of Love* is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – *Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest* – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope not only to worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practise it. For more information: https://www.episcopalchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/06/way_of_love_introduction.pdf

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY: Summary of the Outing on February 25th

St Philip's provided packages, fresh food, clothing and camping supplies for the street outreach team of Steph and Meg. Thanks to Mira for making the sandwiches, Joanne for providing the fruit and hard boiled eggs, Mira and Samantha for preparing the packages, Suzi for organising everything and the parishioners of St Philip's for all of their generous donations.

In addition to handing out supplies and making social connections with the people that we see, we advise them on resources that are available in the community. One of these is the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry Mobile Care Unit at the Kitsilano Community Centre Showers Program. People can go there to see a doctor or get help with social services, such as applying for housing or ID replacement. For more information on this program:

<https://neighbourhoodministry.com/2023/01/31/kitsilano-community-centre-showers-program>

Another thing that we do is identify specific items that someone might need and try to source that item for them, such as a specific size pair of boots. This week Steph and Meg met one of our regulars who was in a lot of distress as the stroller that he uses to store his belongings had broken. He wasn't even able to accept a sleeping bag for that reason. Since then one of our volunteers received a stroller from one of her nieces which she gave to him on March 4th. He was very grateful as it will make a big difference in his life. For a copy of the complete report, go to

<https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/news/the-neighbourhood-ministry--641>

Rhona Thornton

Parish Liaison to the Neighbourhood Ministry

The Neighbourhood Ministry is Collecting Winter Clothing:

- Winter, rain and fleece jackets
- Rain pants and sweatpants

PLEASE ONLY DONATE THE ABOVE CLOTHING ITEMS (as well as socks and underwear) or else we must donate unrequired items elsewhere, which creates more work for our volunteers.

We are also collecting the following items:

Can openers

Soft cereal and protein bars

Fruit cups

Juice boxes

Men's sports socks and underwear

Travel size toothbrushes/toothpaste

Sleeping mats

"Magic/one size fits all" gloves

McDonald's \$10 Gift Cards

Boost and other pudding cups

Canned meat and fish

Ensure or Boost drinks

Razors

Sleeping bags (synthetic is best).

Tarps (ideally not bright colours)

Toques and gloves

Please put your donations in the Narthex baskets on Sundays, or in the blue bin on the courtyard east porch on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays 8:00-4:00 and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:00-7:00.

INVITATION TO LEAD THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear members of St Philip's congregation: Please consider becoming a prayer leader. You may have heard Glenn Sutherland share on March 5th that leading the prayers of the people "is a deep and transforming practice which I could not have guessed it was in the beginning". Read also Debbie Matheson's words that follow.

If you are drawn to this important ministry, please contact me,

Diana Bragg, Intercessor Coordinator, at 604-928-4378 or dasbragg@gmail.com

"When I was first asked to lead the Prayers of the People, I was overwhelmed with the thought that I wasn't up to such a heavy responsibility. I fled in the opposite direction! But I thought about it and listened attentively to others' prayers. The second time I was asked, I said "Yes", reassured that I'd be well supported with a training session and helpful materials. As I've grown into the role, I've been challenged to find the words that express what I believe, what I fear, what I rejoice in, and what I hope for. I know that my feelings are shared in various ways by you. We each respond to life's tragedies and joys, ugliness and grace. I bring prayers from my responses to the world and I lay them on the altar for you to add to. And as I do this, I feel the swell of prayer around me." –

Debbie Matheson

Thank you to new volunteers who have offered to lead the Prayers. Rev. Lorne will lead an intercessors' workshop on Tuesday March 21 at 7:30 in church. Questions?

Contact lorne@stpdpdunbar.com.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

If you are interested in finding out more about the property committee, please speak to Catriona Wilson, Derek Simpkins, John Dolman, Daphne Francis, or to Conrad Guelke. We need you!

LIVE-STREAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to those who have stepped forward to help with live-streaming which is organised by a team of youth: Ash Noetzel, Duncan Wilson & Euan Wilson. To keep our live-streaming available on Sunday mornings, they need more volunteers. If you are interested, please contact a Warden or talk to Ash, Duncan or Euan after church.

STAFF & CLERGY

- Parish Manager Tiffany Ho staffs the office and phone in office hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mon – Fri;
- Parish Caretaker Pat Brandon's Sabbath days are Thursdays and Fridays (new cell 236-339-8744);
- Music Director Michael Murray is available in the office at various times, plus via email or voicemail;
- Parish Accountant Christine Cen is currently working from home and is available via email;

- Rector and Dean Reverend Lorne's Sabbath days are Fridays and Saturdays.

RECEIVE NEWS, BULLETIN AND ORDER OF SERVICE BY EMAIL

Please sign up to be on the email list. Contact Tiffany Ho in the office (604-224-3238) or at manager@stpdunbar.com or fill in the contact form in the Narthex and put it in the collection plate.

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN: Wednesday at Noon

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

CONNECT

Parish administration and lay leaders are your servant-leaders. We're happy to hear from you about any questions or concerns, to offer help and support, and invite you to reach out to us:

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