



Order of Service for March 3, 2024
Third Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Holy Eucharist
10:00 am
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Betty Nadurak



Love and Rest

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Your heart is open to receive anyone with total, unrestricted love. For anyone who wants to come to you, there is room. You want to draw all people to yourself and offer them a home where every human longing comes to rest and every human need is satisfied.

(Henri J. M. Nouwen, *Heart Speaks to Heart*, 22)



A young woman from our parish once came to see me. She sat down timidly. Then she started crying, and soon she was sobbing. How burdened she was. Heavily burdened. Weary from the burden.

At length, she shared her burden. Actually speaking the words of her burden brought the sobs again, wracking her body. Such fear. Such a weariness of soul. Such a heaviness of heart.

“What do you think Jesus would say to you if he were sitting here instead of me?” I asked. She shook her head, not knowing. “He would say, ‘You are the love of my life,’” I told her. Then I repeated Christ’s words, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

The message of Christ’s love always comes first when ministering to God’s people. Always. Listen to Jesus say to you today. “Come. Rest. My heart is open. My arms are spread wide. Come to me. I love you. Lay your burdens at my cross.”

Jesus, help me to confide all to you. You are the strength of my soul, O Lord God. Amen.

Service of Holy Eucharist

The Gathering of the Community

(Pre-Service Music: Wonderful Grace (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Glory and Praise to Our God (screens)

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

Collect for Purity p. 230 (screens)

The Summary of the Law p. 231 (screens)

Trisagion x3 p. 232 (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 288 (screens)

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

EXODUS 20:1-17

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19 p. 725 (screens)

The Second Reading

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of

God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: Almighty God (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

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

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

JOHN 2:13-22

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

Apostles Creed (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens)

(The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Litany p.236

Confession and Absolution p. 238 (screens)

The Peace p. 240 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory: Common Praise (Blue Book—CP) # 371 To God be

the Glory (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts p. 289 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer Bp. 243 (screens)

Proper Preface for Lentp. 253 (screens)

The Lord’s Prayer: p. 245(screens)

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

Agnus Dei p. 247 (screens)

The Communion (You’re invited to partake.)

Prayer team will be available in the Chapel for those who would like prayers.

*(All baptized persons are invited to the Lord’s table. You may receive the bread and the wine, or if you prefer the bread only. Christ is truly and fully present in both the consecrated bread and wine, If you prefer intinction please **do not** dip the host in the consecrated wine yourself. But signal to the priest who will do this for you. If you have any questions, please speak to Rev. Tony.)*

Communion Hymns (screens): Jesus Feed Us; Benediction; Praise the Father; Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Hymn after Communion (Please stand.): I am the Bread of Life (screens)

Prayer after Communion p. 248 (screens)

The Blessing (screens)

Announcements (screens)

Blessing of Fenna on her first Birthday

Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Closing Hymn: Power of Your Love (screens)

Sending (screens)

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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 Chini-ki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T’ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation 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 the Province of Uganda.***

In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle: in the Anglican Church we pray for ***the Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;*** and in the Lutheran Church we pray for the ***dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod.***

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people of the parishes of ***The Mission of St. Magloire, Drumheller; All Saints, Oyen; and St. John the Baptist, New Brigden.***

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

In our Parish Cycle, In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for ***Moira and Haleigh; Karen, Mark, Carleigh and Logan; Douglas; Joe, Terry and Kyla;*** and for our clergy ***Tony Hilling, 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: Judy (friend of Robbie); Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Irma (mother of Rick); Stephen & Gloria; Julia; Verna; Barb; Terry; Dennis; Bob & Joanne; Gwen; Jacqueline; Margaret; Marlene; Debra; Michael; Pete; Scott & M'Laurel, Valma, Delores. **For those grieving:** Max; Alison, Lars & Ellie; Vance, Karla and Sophia; Barbara; Annette, Murray and family; Dan, Debra, Rachael and Zach; Elaine and family; Dorothy Ann; Tracy and family; ***Chris, Laura Anne and family; for those approaching surgery.*** **We thank you** for your healing touch 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.

