



**St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Agincourt**  
**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 10AM**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Laetare Sunday SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**  
**Officiant & Preacher: Pastor Elaine Vanderwerf**

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**Those Assisting in our Worship Service**

**Readers:** Colin McGuffin/Karen Chalmers    **Intercessor:** Karen Chalmers

**PowerPoint Operator:** Susan Thomas

**Music:** Marianne Gast, Cristina Paoletta & the Classic Choir

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

♪ OPENING HYMN            #393 Immortal, Invisible

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

WELCOME & GREETING

Leader    Lord, open our lips,

**People    And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader O God, make speed to save us.  
**People O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our willfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy.  
♪ **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.  
♪ **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.  
♪ **Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

#### ♪ KYRIE

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Eleison.  
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Eleison.  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Eleison.**

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever.  
**All Amen.**

#### THE INVITATORY

Leader The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.  
**People O come, let us worship.**

VENITE

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Leader      The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us worship.

**People      O come, let us worship.**

#### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

♪ PSALM 23                      # 519 The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5: 8-14

♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain**

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

THE GOSPEL: John 9: 1-41

**R: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. /Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

**THE NICENE CREED**

Leader Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker  
of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of  
God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, of one being with the Father. Through him all  
things were made. For us and for our salvation he came  
down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he  
became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made  
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PEACE

Leader      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All            And also with you.**

### ♪ OFFERTORY HYMN      #179 Tree of Life (verses 1-5, & 6e)

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of history,  
still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,  
May we see ourselves in you;  
If we learn to live your story  
We may die to rise anew,  
We may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,  
Love passed on through act and word;  
Every person lost and broken  
Wears the body of our Lord,  
Wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,  
Come inflame our hearts anew.  
We may all your joy inherit  
If we bear the cross with you,  
If we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
Make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
As your gospel shining bright,  
As your gospel shining bright.

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be  
the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread,  
that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### ♪ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

## DOXOLOGY

Leader

Glory to God,

**All**

**Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more  
Than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from  
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ  
Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ CLOSING HYMN

#505 Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art-  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;  
thou mine inheritance, now and always.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## THE DISMISSAL

**Response:**

**Thanks be to God.**