



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

Second Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, February 25, 2024

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our deceased parishioners.

Welcome to Christ Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people.

All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).

Prelude: The God of Abraham Praise (Leoni) - Gerhard Krapf

Processional Hymn: #347 The God of Abraham Praise *(Please Stand)*

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Confession

Celebrant Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All **call upon him while he is near.**

Celebrant Let the wicked abandon their ways

All **and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Celebrant Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

All **to our God who will richly pardon.**

cf Isaiah 55

Kyrie

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5 Ky-ri-e e-lei son. Chris-te e-lei-son.
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

(A time of silence and self-examination)

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *cf Psalm 51*

Celebrant May the God of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in God's image to the praise and glory of God's name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord,

All who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Celebrant Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

The First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor

of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 22:22-30

**Refrain: What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
 What wondrous love is this, O my soul?**

I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
you who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. **R**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever! **R**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over nations.
To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn
saying that he has done it. **R**

The Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery vs. 1 & 3

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Mark (8:31-38).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get

behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery vs. 5 & 6c

Homily

Dr. Jamie Hurlburt

The Apostle's Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Cycle Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador: the Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop. Social Support Ministries: E4C: Barb Spencer, Chief Executive Officer; Greater Edmonton Alliance: Gary Savard, Community Organizer; Our House Addiction Recovery Centre: Kimberly Clark, Executive Director; Aaron Parsall-Myler (s. Erika), Chaplain. Buyé Diocese, Rusengo Parish: Sylvère Ndururutse, Rector. Paul First Nation.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

The Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant God of wisdom,

All may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #5 BAS, pg. 204

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder...Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
7 hea-ven and ea-rth are full, are full of your glo-ry.
13 Bless-ed is the one-who comes in the name of the Lord!
19 Ho-san-na in-the high-est Ho-san-na in the high-est

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus...We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we**

forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant 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.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have - mer - cy
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:
grant - us your peace. Grant - us your peace.

Choir: Ave Verum - Edward Elgar

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:
Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Choir: Hide Not Thy Face - Richard Farrant

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Creator of heaven and earth,

All we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #468 To Abraham and Sarah

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postude: Voluntary, Op. 14 - Edward Elgar

Readings for Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-7; 1 Cor 1:18-25, Jn 2:13-22

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Announcements

This Sunday, Feb. 25 at 11:30am please join us in the parish hall for our **AGM**. All baptized parishioners who are at least 16 years of age and who attend services of worship regularly at Christ Church or who receive the administrations of the clergy of the parish and who have not voted at an Annual Meeting of parishioners of any other parish this year are entitled to vote. Childcare available for 5+. Light lunch will be served.

Thank you to the Men's Group for hosting our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It was wonderful to see so many individuals and families turn out for this favourite winter event. And once again the food was delicious.

My family and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the generous gift given to us from the parishioners of Christ Church. My new ministry as Supervising Chaplain in the provincial penitentiaries is going well. **Rev. Armand, Carol Anne, Benoit, and Etienne.**