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First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that
proceeds from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Right Rev. Stephen London
Clergy: The Reverend Armand Mercier
Crucifer: Steve Langton
Readers: Heather Looy
Chalice Administrators: Stephen Langton, Anne Smith, and
David Gay
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Sidespersons: Ellen Elliott and Bruce Natrass
Organist: Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts: Ron Laginski

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God.

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.

Prelude:

Opening Hymn #175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light has fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice -- keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

The Gathering of the Community

(Please stand)

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.

All:

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

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

(A time of silence and self-examination may be kept)

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.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" "But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So, when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

Refrain:

You are my hiding place. You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance. Whenever I am afraid I will trust in you. I will trust in you. Let the weak say, "I am strong in the strength of the Lord."

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. **R**

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." Great are the tribulations
of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy,
all who are true of heart. **R**

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gradual Hymn #360 Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew (4:1-11)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Stephen London

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

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #352 Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: God our refuge and our strength,

All: receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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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, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Blessed is the one who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

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.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All:

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy, have mercy, have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, grant us, grant us your peace.**

The Communion

Those who wish to share in Holy Communion are invited to come forward.

Music during Communion

Choir Anthem: O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Faithful God,

All: **in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

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

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
I dance in the moon and the stars and the sun,
I came down from Heaven and I danced on earth,
At Bethlehem I had my birth. **R**

Refrain:

**"Dance then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the dance," said he,
"And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance," said he.**

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
They would not dance, they wouldn't follow me.
So I danced for the fishermen,
James and John came with me and the dance went on. **R**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The Holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
Left me there on a cross to die. **R**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard who dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body, they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance, and I still go on. **R**

They cut me down, but I leapt up high.
"I am the life that'll never never die
And I'll live in you if you'll live in me.
I am the Lord of the dance," said he. **R**

Life Together: Lent 2023

Saturday, March 4 at 10am

Join us at Grovenor Skating Rink for games, skating, activities, and adventures. Sign up in church hall.

Tuesday, March 7 at 7pm

Join us for an evening of learning and conversation: A Conversation about Courageous Community. Sign up in church hall

Friday, March 17 at 5pm

Bring your favourite dish and come out for an all ages evening of fun and fellowship for our St. Patrick's Day Potluck. Sign up in church hall

Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

Bring a snack to share and your favourite game to play. From cribbage to bridge, from Scrabble to Scattergoires, we will have something for everyone! Let's get together and play at Parish Game Night. Sign up in church hall.

Tuesdays in Lent starting on March 14 at 7pm

Join us via Zoom as Archdeacon Sue leads a series on Bonhoeffer's seminal book, Life Together: The Classic Explanation of Life Together in Community. Please email the parish office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) to register and receive the link to this intentional learning and sharing experience.

Thursdays in Lent starting March 2 at 7pm

The COVID-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine have starkly reminded us of the realites that threaten our future of the planet. Christian faith is not a way of escaping these realities, but of engaging them in the struggle for justice and peace—motivated by love, enabled by faith and sustained by hope.

We will be exploring these ideas together through a study of the book, Faith Facing Reality: Stirring Up Discussion with Bonhoeffer. This series will be lead by Dr. Stephen Martin and will take place in person at The Anglican Parish of Christ Church. To register, please email the church office (admin@christchurchedm.ca) by Feb. 24. The cost of the registration is \$40 and will cover the cost of the book. Space is limited to 15 people. Funding available to cover the cost of registration if needed.

There will be a screening of a movie about the life of Bonhoeffer on Sunday, February 26 in the afternoon for those interested.

This week we pray for: Diocese of Rupert's Land: the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft, Bishop. St. Columba, Beaumont: Stephanie London (s. Stephen), Rector; Maralyn Benay, Vocational Deacon; Jane Piercy Ballard, Honorary Vocational Deacon. Buyé Diocese, Gashikanwa (St. Paul) Parish: Leonidas Nizigiyimana, Rector. Cold Lake First Nation.

Readings for Next Sunday

*Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or
Matthew 17:1-9*

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