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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

*Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world.
Give us living water, that we may not thirst.*

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

Celebrant: The Venerable Susan Oliver
Preacher: The Reverend Armand Mercier
Crucifer: Willie King
Readers: Keith Spencer
Chalice Administrators: Steve Martin, Barb Norton, and
Willie King
Prayer Scribe: Shirley Edwards
Sidespersons: Emily Moen and Kathy Besuyen
Organist: Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts: Jessica and Joel Natrass

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Andrew Sheldrick from Steve, Sue, Amelia, and Simon.*

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 #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Praise the one who break the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.
From this well comes living water quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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.

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.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him 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: Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

#407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your Word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you, O star abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life which has no end, eternal life in you.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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. John (4:5-30, 39-42)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we

believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

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

Sermon

The Reverend Armand Mercier

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

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 #403 Let All things Now Living

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
Love's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

God's law still enforces, the stars in their courses
and causes the sun in its splendor to shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean in praises combine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Spring of life and Source of goodness,

All: receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. 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.**

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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

Hymn: Come Away from Rush and Hurry

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace
From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release
Come away from noise and clamor life's demands and frenzied pace
Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

solo: Let Us Break Bread Together (Gabe Stephens)

Choir Anthem: O Master, Let Me Walk with You

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: God of our pilgrimage,

All: we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

This week we pray for: Diocese of Saskatoon: in the process of electing a new bishop. St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake: Donna Gauthier (s. Ken), Rector; William Patterson and Doug Giles, Honorary Assistants. Buyé Diocese, Ngozi (St. John) Parish: Damascene Bagirubwira, Rector; Deo Nkunzimana, Deputy Rector. Ermineskin Cree Nation.

Next Sunday's Readings:

1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5: 8-14; John 9: 1-41

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Announcements

Sacramental Preparation: Life in the Eucharist

Children are asked to meet in the Lounge immediately after the 10am this Sunday for the first session of Life in the Eucharist with Rev. Armand.

Old Wool Sweaters are needed

If anyone has 100% old wool sweaters, please donate to our Stitches Group to use for projects. The sweaters can be in any condition even with holes as they will be washed, felted and repurposed into new items. A box in the cloak room at the entrance of the church for sweaters. Donations will be accepted until March 12/23. Thank you for your support.

Courageous Communities

Thank you to all who participated in our Courageous Communities public lecture on Tuesday, March 8. Our guest speaker, Anna Bubel, lead us in an exploration of how churches in Edmonton and Canada are leveraging their buildings and land to create social enterprise opportunities which benefit the wider community.

Life Together: Lent 2023

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.