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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me
will have the light of life. John 8:12*

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Armand Mercier
Preacher: The Venerable Susan Oliver
Crucifer: Willie King
Readers: Barb Norton
Chalice Administrators: Barb Norton, Anne Smith, and
David Gay
Prayer Scribe: Lynda Phillips
Sidespersons: Trish Manns and Martha Watson
Organist: Joy Berg
Coffee Hosts: Anne Smith and David Gay

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 Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. **R**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **R**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. **R**

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **R**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. **R**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **R**

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. **R**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **R**

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.

Kyrie eleison (**Kyrie eleison**), Christie eleison (**Christie eleison**), Kyrie eleison (**Kyrie eleison**).

Celebrant: Let us pray,

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a

king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John (9:1-41)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of

him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be-come his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been

heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Archdeacon Sue

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 #612 Healer of our Every Ill

Refrain:

**Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. [Refrain]

In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. [Refrain]

Give us strength to love each other,
every sister, every brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. [Refrain]

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. [Refrain]

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: God of light

All: your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ 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.**

**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

Hymn: #504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

Refrain:

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. **R**

Neighbours are rich and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbours are near and far away. **R**

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbours to us and you. **R**

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. **R**

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet;
This is the way we should live with you. **R**

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Loving God,

**All: through your goodness we receive your Son in word and
sacrament. May we always have faith in him, 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: 425 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

This week we pray for: The Territory of the People: the Rev. Canon Len Fraser, Territory Administrator; episcopal election planned for mid-March. St. George, Devon: Christian Gordon (s. Lisa), Rector. Buyé Diocese, Murama Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector. Frog Lake First Nation.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

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Life Together: Lent 2023

Sunday, March 26 at 4pm

Join us for our final community gathering during Lent! 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.

Easter Egg Hunt

You are invited to drop off small chocolate Easter Eggs for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023. There is a bin in the cloak room at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Service of Induction

You are invited to celebrate the new ministry of Rev. Canon Chelsy Bouwman on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 2pm. Bishop Stephen London will be pleased to celebrate at a **Service of Induction** at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 4a Raven Dr, Sherwood Park. The service will also be live streamed on **St. Thomas' YouTube Channel**.

Public Lecture: March 21, 2023 7pm to 8:30pm

Stephen Martin is the keynote speaker at The King's University Public Lecture, Everything Series: What Makes a People? How does a random gathering of persons with different interests, representing different class, race, and gender particularities, become a people? One answer given in recent political theologies has focused on liturgy. An assembly is formed into a people through liturgy and especially its four movements: gathering, listening, reconciling, and sending. In the case of the church, this is what it means to be "the body of Christ" as a disciplined gathering of bodies, transformed as they learn to share gifts and goods in common (Rom 12:1-5). The lecture will be held at The King's University--N102 Theatre

Monthly Financial Update

Thank you for your financial support of the life and ministry of Christ Church. Every third Sunday of the month, a financial snapshot will be provided to keep parishioners informed as outlined at our 2022 AGM

January and February 2023 Actual Offerings	\$44,897
January and February 2023 Budgeted Offering	\$51,250
January and February Actual Total Income	\$62,913
January and February Actual Total Expenses	\$84,451