

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev'd Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent*

Welcome! We are glad to have you join us in worship today.

Our Church School (for youth up to age 12) gathers downstairs for their lesson and returns to the service during the Offertory Hymn. New children are always welcome.



Lent Prose

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the refrain.



**Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them.
Grant us Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accus'd, and for us sinners sentenced:
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

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.**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People:* His mercy endures for ever.**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

Please Kneel (or sit) as you are able.

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.
And most especially,
let us remember the covenant of our baptism

and test our hearts and conscience
to know how faithfully we have striven for justice and peace
among all people, respecting the dignity of every human
being.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Kyrie/Trisagion

The Collect

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.**

Old Testament 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 his 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 23



- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory. *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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 neighbors 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 he." 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." 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 become 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, 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 worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with 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. *John 9:1-41*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Apostles' Creed pp 189-190

Prayers of the People Litany #6, p. 115

Leader Let us pray to the Lord.
Response **Lord, have mercy.**

Parish Prayer Cycle: The Garden Group; Brian Hagood, Charisma Panchapakesan, Brahma and Kerala; Vicky Cooper; Jay Haddad; Eilonwy Morgan and Ian Greene; Lawrose Grant

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Victoria & Haliburton Deanery

Those who have asked us for prayers: Mark Oliver, Sean Palin, Bob Thornley, Edith Paxton, Mark, Bishop Victoria, Joan, Anne, Gerald Mangina, Huntly, Jane Rozdzilski, Bill Keel, Ted, Ted R., Barb, Gayle Covey, Dale Gillespie, Diane Roy, Cari, Nelson, Heather, Aws, Selwa, Lubna, Dennis Freeman, Larry MacDonald, John Martin, River, Josie, and all others on our hearts this day.

*Please send the names of loved ones for the prayer list to Father Hatt at
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Offertory Hymn #560

Moscow



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Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #2, p. 196-197

The Lord's Prayer, the Breaking of the Bread #7 and the Communion

p. 211-113

Priest

We break this bread,

People

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Priest

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

We welcome all Christians who have been baptised to receive the Blessed Sacrament. If you wish to receive only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest while at the altar. Please let a sidesperson know if you require assistance. The Sacrament can be brought to you in your pew.

Communion Hymn #292

Ye Banks and Braes

Prayer after Communion

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Doxology and Blessing

p. 214

Installation of Parish Officers

Announcements

Closing Hymn #397

Nettleton

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Parish News and Announcements

Daily Prayer Devotions for Lent

Copies of a simple, shortened form of daily prayer for use during Lent are available at the back of the church. You can use this along with the daily Scripture readings available online at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd> which also includes a link you can use to say Morning or Evening Prayer on your mobile device..

Christian Education during Lent

Our Christian Education series this Lent focuses on the Baptismal Covenant (see BAS, pp. 158-159) and how it can help you develop a Way of Life as a Christian. All sessions will be held in-person (in the Guild Room) and online (the link will be emailed to the parish e-list) at 8 p.m. Our remaining sessions include:

Wednesday, March 18th
Fasting, led by Father Hatt

Wednesday, March 25th
Almsgiving led by parishioner Shelagh MacPherson

Resurrection Party: April 4th

After the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, April 4th, we will host our annual Resurrection Party. Parishioners are asked to bring “finger foods” that are sweet or savoury and/or beer or wine. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium at the back of the church-or text, call, or e-mail Jay Haddad. Thank you!

New Joint Outreach and Missional Committee

As noted at Vestry a few weeks ago, the parish Outreach and Missional committees are merging to better coordinate activities and consider some new projects. The first meeting of this new joint planning committee will take place on Monday, March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room (Zoom option available upon

request). All interested are welcome. If you have questions, please speak with Kathy Mansfield or Father Hatt.

Help Restore Communities in Jamaica

The devastation in Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa is immense, and the need for help is immediate. FaithWorks is matching all gifts to the Bishop's Appeal for Jamaican Relief and Reconstruction up to \$50,000, doubling the impact of every donation until April 17. Alongside Hope will distribute the funds through its partners in Jamaica. Seventy donors have given \$15,500 so far. Read more about the appeal and donate online at FaithWorks.ca.

This Week at St Martin's

Today, March 15th (*Fourth Sunday in Lent*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)

Monday, March 16th (*Lenten Feria*)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz March Break Camp (Hall)

7:30 p.m. Management Board (Guild Room)

Tuesday, March 17th (*Patrick, Missionary Bishop in Ireland*)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz March Break Camp (Hall)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 18th (*Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Teacher of the Faith*)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz March Break Camp (Hall)

8 p.m. Christian Education (Guild Room and on Zoom)

Thursday, March 19th (*Saint Joseph of Nazareth*)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz March Break Camp (Hall)

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

8 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, March 20th (*Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary*)

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Toronto Kidz March Break Camp (Hall)

7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Voices Dress Rehearsal (Church)

7:45 p.m. - 10 p.m. Naturally High Park (Hall)

Saturday, March 21st (*Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury*)

8 p.m. Voices Concert (Church)

Next Sunday, March 22nd (*Fifth Sunday in Lent*)

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung)



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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist (choral)

Tuesdays

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)

Feast days and special services as announced.