

Morning Prayer, Sunday, March 7th, 2021, 10:00am  
3rd Sunday in Lent

## The Gathering of the Community

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

### Hymn # 423

#### HOW GREAT THOU ART HOW GREAT THOU ART

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

All **Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Cast your burden upon the Lord,  
People **And he will sustain you.**

Celebrant Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
People **And renew a right spirit within me.**

Celebrant Cast me not away from your presence.  
People **And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Celebrant Give me the joy of your saving help again  
People **And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord day by day,  
People **The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

## **VENITE**

**O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O Come, let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Today, O that ye would hear his voice: 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness; When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.**

**Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways"; Unto whom I swear in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.'**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

**Reader:** God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. EXODUS 20:1-17

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

### **A reading of Psalm 19**

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,  
**Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Gracious creator of heaven and earth, your Word has come among us as the true Sun of righteousness, and the good news of his birth has gone out to the ends of the world. Open our eyes to the light of your law, that we may be purified from sin and serve you without reproach for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Light and our Life. Amen.**

**SEEK THE LORD** *ISAIAH 55.6–11*

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways and the evil ones their thoughts; And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens and return not again, but water the earth, Bringing forth life and giving growth, seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; it will not return to me empty; But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, and prosper in that for which I sent it. Amen.**

**A reading from the letter first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

**Reader:** The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For

God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn # 439

**BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART** FRANCONIA

### A reading from the Gospel of John

**Reader:** The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

JOHN 2:13-22

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**Homily** Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe

## A Moment for Quiet Reflection

**Anthem** THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY HORSLEY

## Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant Let us affirm our faith and renew our baptismal covenant.

**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 God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

**I will persevere in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

**I will proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.**

**I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbours as myself.**

**I will strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

**I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth. Amen.**

## Prayers

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

Gathering all that commands our prayers, let us intercede with our gracious God, saying: Have mercy, O Lord.

For the church, that God's commandments may be ever close to us, wonderful to ponder and life-giving to keep, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the church, that those who will be baptized at Easter may be drawn to the folly and weakness of God in Christ crucified, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For children, that infants and young people of every nation may have food and learning, and that they may love their world, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For this gathered community, that the solemn brightness of Lent may open our eyes to these times, their folly and their worth, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the homeless, the hungry, and the sick especially **[name silently or aloud...]** and for those known only to you, that they may find comfort and healing in the one who shelters them with holy presence, guides them to springs of living water, and wipes away every tear from their eyes, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Parish of Penetaguishene and Wabaushene, its Deacon's cupboard and bi-weekly breakfast and lunch programs; for the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street, its weekday meal program, street outreach, and other supports for homeless and marginally-housed people, its Indigenous Solidarity Working Group, Creation Matters group, and refugee resettlement program; and for the Church of the Resurrection, its community garden, monthly Common Table, support of Sanctuary, the Scott Mission, and Dale Ministries, refugee sponsorship, and Side Door youth drop-in centre; , we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for St. John's, Ida and Christ Church, Omemee, The Rev. Peter Mills and Honorary Assistant: The Rev. William Montgomery, we pray:

**People Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Jealous and merciful God, remember us and all those whom we hold in our hearts. In these forty days teach us to do the work of our baptism and so daily to raise to you the needs of the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.**

## **COVID Prayer this Sunday and others at:**

<https://www.miltonanglican.org/prayers-for-the-covid-19-crisis.html>

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/covid-19-resources>

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## **The Collect**

**Reader** Almighty God,  
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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Celebrant** And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to  
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.**

**~ Dismissal ~**

**Celebrant** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Music Benediction Prayer**

**All** **The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious**

**And be gracious unto you**  
**The Lord bless you and keep you**  
**The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you**  
**And give you peace, and give you peace.**  
**Amen.**

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**Today's Readers**

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1st Lesson OT     Alden Mitchell  
 Psalm             Irene Fulton  
 2nd Lesson        Larry Ricciardelli  
 Gospel             Margaret Eley  
 Prayers            Marlene Dooher

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**Next Week's Readers March 14th, 2021**

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1st Lesson OT     Piet Goemans  
 Psalm             Irene Fulton  
 2nd Lesson        Allan McCracken  
 Gospel             Sandy Philp  
 Prayers            Nancy DeKuyper

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<b>Next Sunday March 14th, 2021 ~ Rev. Mary Bell Plouffe</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent ~ Morning Prayer</b>		
	<b>Readings</b>	
<b>NUMBERS 21:4-9</b>	<b>PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22</b>	<b>EPHESIANS 2:1-10</b>
	<b>JOHN 3:14-21</b>	

## Announcements:

St. George – Hastings

Butter Tart Drive-Thru  
Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 11am -2pm  
Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am – 2pm

Cost \$6.00 for six  
Phyllis 705 696-2451

### **Flowers for Easter**

Easter is coming and we will be preparing the church on Saturday April 3rd at 9:30am. Please consider a donation of flowers. They should be delivered to the church during office hours or on Saturday morning.

**Please remember this is a scent free building.**