

Morning Prayer, Sunday, March 21st, 2021, 10:00am  
5th Sunday in Lent

## The Gathering of the Community

### Hymn # 300

**CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION** WESTMINISTER ABBEY

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 Jeremiah

**Reader:** The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. JEREMIAH 31:31-34

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from Psalm 119**

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By keeping to your words.

**With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

**Blessed are you, O Lord; instruct me in your statutes.**

With my lips will I recite all the judgements of your mouth.

**I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees than in all manner of riches.**

I will meditate on your commandments and give attention to your ways.

**My delight is in your statutes; I will not forget your word.**

**Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen. PSALM 119:9-16**

### **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 to the Hebrews**

**Reader:** Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was

able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. HEBREWS 5:5-10

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn # 500

**SISTER, LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT** SERVANT-SONG

### A reading from the Gospel of John

**Reader:** Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. JOHN 12:20-33

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**Homily** Nancy Wright DeKuyper

# A Moment for Quiet Reflection

## **Anthem**

TREE OF LIFE AND AWESOME MYSTERY <sup>THOMAS</sup>

## **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.

The hour has come; now is the time to glorify God's name. Let us intercede for the church and for all God's creation, turning to God and saying: Lord, your kingdom come.

You are our God: may those who are poor and those who are rich, those near and those far, welcome your covenant of peace. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* We are your people: be with those who will receive your promise in baptism at Easter. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* You honour those who choose to serve: help us to be true followers of your servant Son. We pray

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* We know that we must die so that we may truly live: strengthen all who suffer in mind or body especially for, **[Names in Parish]**. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* You draw all people to yourself: bring us out of our slavery to possessions and away from the desire for wealth. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for St. Andrew, Alliston, and its "It Takes a Village" Kids' Club; for St. Andrew, Japanese congregation, its support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry and St. Monica's, and outreach in the Japanese-Canadian community; and for St. Andrew, Scarborough, its monthly Neighbourhood Lunch, support for foster children and their communities in Haiti and Zimbabwe, "We Care" Christmas bags for the homeless, and support for the St. Jude, Wexford, Food Bank, All Saints Community Centre, and the Pikangikum Water project. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for Parish of Belmont: St. John the Evangelist, Havelock; The Rev. Canon Bradley D. Smith Christ Church, Norwood and St. Michael's, Westwood. We pray:

**People** Lord, your kingdom come.

**Lord God, show us the way of obedience through patient endurance and the way of glory through the law written in our hearts. Hear our prayers and come to our aid. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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** Most merciful God,  
by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to 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**



April 4     **Easter Sunday** ~ Holy Communion  
Christ Church 9:00am  
St. George 11:00am

Please join us for our in-church Services.

**Announcements:**

St. George – Hastings

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

Cost \$6.00 for six  
Phyllis 705 696-2451

**Christ Church - 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.**