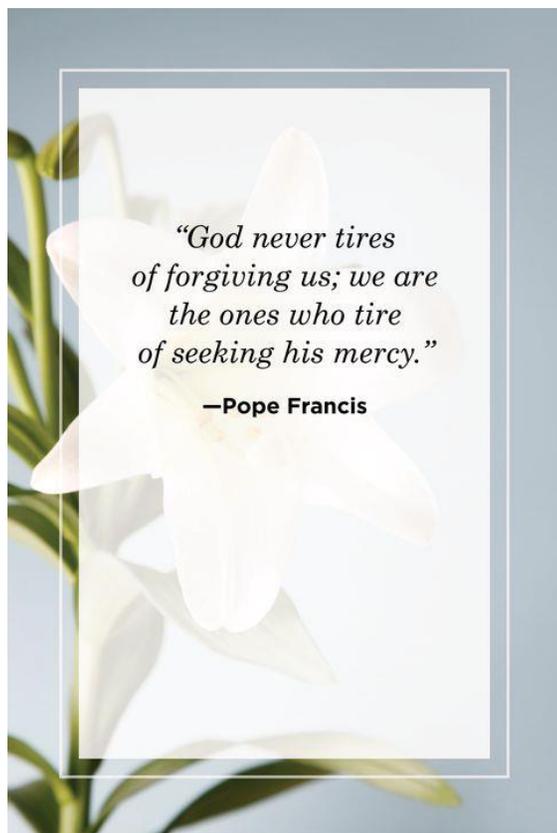


Thought for the Week



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Visits - If you know of someone in this Parish who is sick or shut-in and would like a visit, please let us know! Rev Wendy would love to visit.

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St. James Anglican Church

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

The Book of Alternative Services

The Grace

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.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: 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

The Collect for the Day

(Togethe): Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading

Genesis 9: 8-17

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

² **Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

³ Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.

⁴ **Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.

⁶ **Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

⁸ **He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.**

⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

¹⁰ **For your name's sake, O Lord, * forgive my sin, for it is great.**

(Together): God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People: 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.

Church News

St James Jesters walked for 'Coldest Night of the Year' supporting Youth Impact initiatives fighting youth Homelessness in Moncton. Link below..please consider a small donation. **Thanks! We walked on Fri. You can still make a donation** either online through the link below or by cheque to St James marked 'Coldest Night'.

Vestry will donate \$100 and \$10 per person who walks. Our total so far is \$1000++

<https://secure.e2rm.com/regis.../TeamFundraisingPage.aspx...>

Annual Meeting – Today Sunday, February 21. We will hold the meeting upstairs to enable the 2 m distancing required. We will have a short break for refreshments downstairs (approx 20 min) for anyone who wishes, then begin the meeting upstairs.

Volunteers for Vestry – If you are interested and/or feel called to serve on Vestry, you are very welcome! Please speak to Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna. You may wish to nominate someone to sit on Vestry. If so, please speak to the person and with their permission speak to Rev Wendy, Loretta or Donna

Parish Memory Verse for Sun, Feb 28



1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Therefore encourage
one another and build
up one another - just
as you also are doing**

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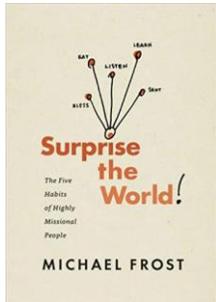
Church News

Collecting socks, mitts, hats, hoodies, jackets to give out at our monthly brown bag breakfast Sat, Jan 16 at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Your generosity will make a difference!

Our monthly brown bag breakfast at St George's continues. Next one is Sat, March 20.

Free Piano – It is downstairs, free to anyone who would like it!

E-offering – Good News! If you are interested in signing up, please see Tim Binks. Brochures are in the vestibule.



We will look again at this easy to read book which invites us to act. Integrating the five habits in the BELLS model—**Bless others, Eat together, Listen to the Spirit, Learn Christ, and understand yourself as Sent by God into others' lives**—will help you spread the gospel organically, graciously, and surprisingly.

Interested? Here is a [link to the book online](#):

<http://www.rupertsland.ca/wp-content/uploads/The-5-Habits-of-Highly-Missional-People-11.pdf>

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month

Prayers of the People

First Sunday in Lent

Priest: Come quickly to help us, O Merciful One, for we are assaulted by many temptations and your people suffer from so many ills. Hear our prayer as we cry out: We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 1. Loving God, you have given your people the confidence to come before you through the new and living way that Jesus Christ has opened for us. Grant your church grace to provoke one another to love and good deeds, encouraging one another in Christ. In the church we pray for David our Archbishop, Brent our Archdeacon, Wendy our priest and all in leadership roles. May they lead us to understand the love of Jesus and His message. Bless your Church and her members as we labour in your vineyard, that we may be fruitful, as we live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel, and live faithfully in your loving presence. Our Gracious God, visit your Church in mercy and compassion as we enter these forty days of Lent, and grant us a renewal of your Spirit and a rekindling of your light. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 2. You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show your ways to all in authority, that they may follow your paths of love and faithfulness. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 3. Let the risen Christ who has suffered for all bring your divine power and hope to all who live in wildernesses of violence, poverty, oppression and injustice, that your angels may deliver them from their distress and comfort them with your everlasting love. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 4. You established your covenant with Noah and gave us the rainbow as a sign of your protective care. Let your providence extend over us in our day, to protect your creation and inspire us to be responsible stewards of the Earth you have given us. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 5. Descend upon this community with your gracious Spirit, O God, that we and all our neighbors may embrace the good news of your kingdom and live as beloved children in your new creation. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

Reader 6. Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting, as we bring to you our intercession on behalf of those for whom we pray, especially (Parish List). We come to you in grateful thanksgiving for all the blessings of this day. Let those who have died be made alive in the spirit to dwell with Christ at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. We put our trust in you, O God; **let none who look to you be put to shame.**

(Together): Send your angels to uphold us, O God, whenever the wild beasts of oppression or the inner beasts of temptation assault your people. that we may be your beloved, living faithfully in the kingdom given to us through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in the power of Holy Spirit, for you are one God, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Imposition of ashes

Confession and Absolution

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,

People: 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.

People: Amen.

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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,..... /to proclaim the glory of your name.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread

The Communion

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion:

(Together): Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.

Doxology:

Celebrant : Glory to God,

People: 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.

The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

Prayer Requests: Susan Goguen, Trisha Corner, Beth,