

Parish Memory Verse for Sun, March 7



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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 28, 2021

Second 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

(Together): Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 17 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-31

²³ For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *but when they cry to him he hears them.

²⁴ **My praise is of him in the great assembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: * “May your heart live for ever!”

²⁶ **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

²⁸ **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him.**

²⁹ My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

³⁰ **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.**

(Together): Father, your tortured Son felt abandoned, and cried out in anguish from the cross, yet you delivered him. He overcame the bonds of death and rose in triumph from the grave. Do not hide your face from those who cry out to you: feed the hungry, strengthen the weak, and break the chains of the oppressed, that your people may rejoice in your saving deeds. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

Second Reading: Romans 4: 13-25

Gospel: Mark 8: 31-38

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 to prevent youth Homelessness in Moncton. **Thanks! Exceptional!!!**

Our grand total raised is \$2135.00

**\$ 990.00 St James donations \$1145.00 on line donations
St James makes a difference!**

Annual Meeting Election Results

Annual Meeting held last Sunday, February 21, 2021:

Wardens:

Loretta Laventure and Donna Tower

Vestry:

Keltie Campbell

Lynn Fife

David Ford

Linda Hollett (vestry clerk)

Chris Mutch

Milton Pratt (Treasurer)

Tracy Pratt

Susan Robertson

Khafre Pike

Synod Delegates

Khafre Pike (Youth)

Norman Goguen

Charlene Routledge

Alternates

Denise Martin

Chris Mutch

We welcome David Ford as a new member of Vestry.

We thank all who are willing to serve as wardens, vestry members and Synod delegates!

Church News

Food Bank Sunday – First Sunday of the Month – next Sun.

Collecting socks, mitts, hats, hoodies, jackets to give out at our monthly breakfast at St Georges. Please place donations in the basket in the vestibule. Your generosity will make a difference! Thanks so very much for your continued generosity!

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

What does Shared Ministry Support mean? Each month every parish in our Diocese contributes. Here's the answer from the Diocesan treasurer.

The relationship between the parish and the diocese is mutually supportive. The parish supports a shared mission led by the Synod including the Episcopal Function and governance. The Diocese provides grants for programs, some of which may occur in parishes. Parishes contribute to the operation of the Synod office, including the services that directly provide support to the parishes for management, administrative, and programs. The 2020 shared ministry assessment supported 42.5% of the overall budget and provided support in the following areas:

20% Support to Parishes-Payroll Administration & Fees, Insurance Administration, full coverage of Directors & Officers Insurance, Benefit/Benefit Administration, Investment Management & Administration, Safe Church, Legal Support, and E Offering.

12% Clergy Support-Clergy Relocation, Employee Assistance and Extended EAP, Archiaconal Expenses, Clergy Contingency

23% National Church-Shared Ministry Assessment to National Office

13% Episcopal costs-Bishop, travel and Clerical Support

29% Direct Grants-Parishes, Missions,

3% Communication

Prayers of the People *Second Sunday in Lent*

Priest: Gracious and life-giving God, through the suffering and death of your Son Jesus Christ you have raised us to the new life of grace: Hear our prayers on behalf of all people, that your promise of fruitfulness may extend throughout the world, as we say: We praise you in the great assembly. May your heart live for ever! Amen

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. You have called us to be Christ's followers, O God, to take up our cross and to give our lives willingly for his sake: Set our minds not upon human things but on divine things, that we may proclaim the glory of Christ's resurrection to all the world. We praise you in the great assembly. **May your heart live for ever!**

Reader 2: You rule over the nations, Almighty One, and you hear the voice of the poor when they cry out to you: Bless the multitude of nations with your compassion that they may follow in your ways of justice and mercy. We praise you in the great assembly. **May your heart live for ever!**

Reader 3. Your Beloved suffered rejection from religious and political leaders, O Compassionate One: Uphold with your resurrection power all who suffer, that their faith may be strong unto the day of their deliverance. We praise you in the great assembly. **May your heart live for ever!**

Reader 4: You have made an everlasting covenant with your people, O Holy One: Bless the children of Abraham who worship you in the faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, in this community and around the world, that we may be exceedingly fruitful to fulfill the promise that rests on grace, which is guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants, as we make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that you have done. We praise you in the great assembly. **May your heart live for ever!**

Reader 5: You are the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist: Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially (Prayer List). Bless all who wish to bear children with the promise of Sarah, that their descendants may be known as yours for ever. We praise you for your promises and the fulfillment of your blessing in our lives. To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; raise to your joyful presence those who have died. We praise you in the great assembly.
May your heart live for ever!

(Together): **Gracious and merciful God, you have taught us through Jesus that there is no profit in gaining the whole world if we lose our own lives, and you have invited us to follow Jesus, for the way of the cross is the way of life: Give us the faith of Abraham that we may trust in your promises and share in the glory of Christ's inheritance, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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.

Musical Selection

Prayer Over the Gifts:

(Together): God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. 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). Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.. 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, Joan