

St. James Anglican Church
February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise RB - 26

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

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

People: and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect for the Day

(Together): 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 forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!

2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!

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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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3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.

6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” * Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

(Together): Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen

Second Reading Romans 5: 12-19

Gradual Hymn: How Sweet The Name RB- 116

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Sermon

The Apostles’ Creed

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

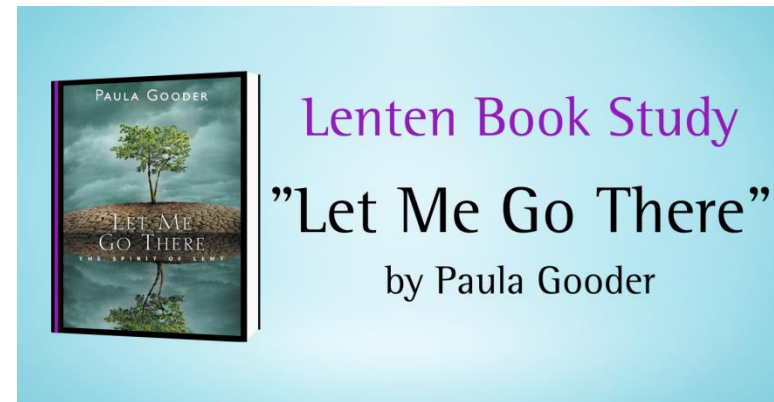
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. 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

Bible Study – Gospel Based Discipleship – St James with St George’s – begins Wed Mar 1 – 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm through Mar 29. We did this together last fall and it worked out very well. We read the Gospel 3 times:

1. Read the Gospel – What word(s), idea(s), or phrase(s) stand out for you?
2. Read the Gospel – What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?
3. Read the Gospel – What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

<https://nb.anglican.ca/events/study-let-me-go-there>



If you would like a copy of this book, please let Rev Wendy know and she will order. Online Study to start via zoom. See link on Diocesan website or above.

Monday, February 27, 2023

12:00 - 1:00 pm Zoom

Many Thanks to all who attended and helped with the Pancake Supper at Brix Experience!

Prayer Shawls Available – Please ask if you would like a prayer shawl to give to someone. Please ask Loretta.

Church News

1st Sunday of each month is Food Bank Sunday. We take our offerings to the food bank after the first Sunday of the month. Our support to the Moncton Food Bank is so greatly appreciated. Thanks!

Holy Communion – for now, we will continue with ‘bread only’, abiding by the recommendation of our Bishop.

Communitiy Breakfast – Our next brown bag community breakfast will be on Sat, March 18

We need UNDERWEAR men’s size S-M, 30-32 and womens M. Thanks for your continued generosity! Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

St. Georges Breakfast Anyone wishing to donate to the St George's Breakfast/Shower program can place their donation (cash or cheque) on the plate marked 'St George's Breakfast'.



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.

You can still make a donation whether you walk or not
either online ‘Coldest Night of the Year’

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=995274&langPref=en-CA>

or by cheque to St James marked ‘Coldest Night’.
In the past Vestry donated \$100 and \$10 per person who walks.

Prayers of the People

1st Sunday in Lent

Priest:** Abiding and gracious God, in Christ’s temptation you have taught us to turn away from our exaggerated needs for control, esteem and power, and to trust in your love, generosity and grace: Guide us as we come to you in prayer, saying: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!

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. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Reader 2. Though you have filled creation with abundance, O Generous One, we have violated your good intentions for us: Be with all who lead and hold authority in the world that they may discern between good and evil, and choose good. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Reader 3. Loving God, help us in this community to acknowledge our sin and not to conceal our guilt, that we may know the embrace of your mercy and rejoice in you. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Reader 4. Compassionate One, in your gracious creation you have given us all things necessary for our thriving: Be with all people who live with hunger, poverty, fear, tragedy or oppression, and let your angels bear them up in their hands. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

Reader 5. Your mercy embraces all who trust in you, O God: Hear our prayers of intercession, especially for those on our parish prayer list....*(add names known)* Though death has spread to all, Christ's obedience brings justification and life for all: Bring those who have died into your eternal life, O God. Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, **and whose sin is put away!**

(Together): We open our hearts to you, O Holy One, for you know the weakness of each of us: Let each one find you mighty to save, forgiving us of our sin and filling us with your abundant grace, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, for ever and ever. 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 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

Closing Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

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Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell , Joan Dennison, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer. Susan Goguen, Barbara Tait, Sydney, Jeff Lewis, Lloyd Hines, George. Sue Balcom