

For by grace you have
been saved through faith.
And this is not your own
doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

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St. James Anglican Church
March 5, 2023
Second 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 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 12: 1-4

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; * the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

(Together): Be present, merciful God, and protect us in times of danger, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gradual Hymn: In Christ Alone MP – 1072

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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

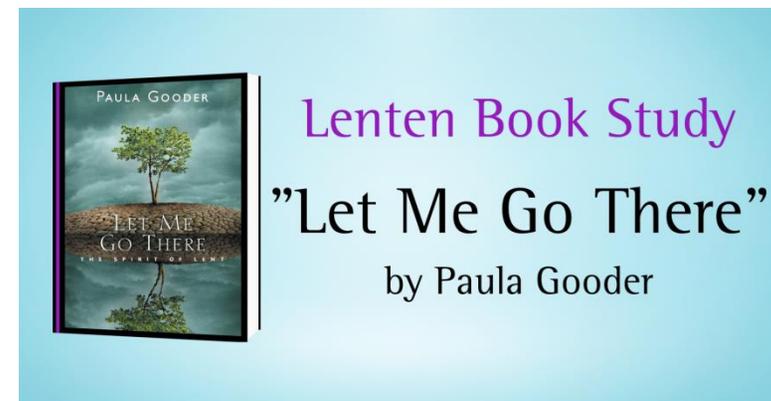
People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.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



Lenten Book Study

”Let Me Go There”

by Paula Gooder

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

Church News

Coldest Night of the Year – There is still time to donate if you wish. Just place your contribution on the offering plate marked ‘Coldest Night of the Year’. Grand total coming soon. People have been generous!

Vestry Meeting – Next Sunday, Mar 12 downstairs after the service.

Lenten Resources Online listed on the Diocesan website
<https://nb.anglican.ca/resources/discipleship-resources/pages/lent-resources>

Many Thanks to David Ford for providing the facility and much more and 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.

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.

Community 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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Second Sunday in Lent

Priest: Loving God, you sent your Son into the world not to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved: Let the wind of your Spirit blow freely throughout creation so that all people may be born anew from above and live in the wonder of your steadfast and abounding grace, as we pray: Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

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. May they lead us to understand Jesus’s love and His message. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Reader 2. You led Abram away from his homeland and kindred to make of him a great nation, to be a blessing to all the families of the earth: Guide our national leaders and all in positions of authority or power throughout the world; move them forward from their familiar places of comfort, toward new, compassionate responses to the needs of the world, that they also may be a blessing to all people. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Reader 3. Let your spirit go forth over all the earth to refresh and heal all who are confused, suffering or oppressed, that everyone on earth may know themselves as your beloved people. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Reader 4. Your presence is among us in this community, inviting us to enter the Kingdom of God and to be people who are born of the Spirit: Inspire our witness and service to you and to our neighbour, that we may love the world even as Christ has loved us. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

Reader 5. You watch over us without slumber or sleep and have promised to preserve us from all evil and to keep us safe. Hear our prayers for those whom we commend to your benevolent care, especially for those on our parish prayer list....(add names known). You give life to the dead and call into existence the things that do not exist: We pray for people who are searching, especially those with children, that they may find a spiritual home. Bring into your eternal life those who have died, especially Sue Balcom. Our help comes from God, **the maker of heaven and earth.**

(Together): **Gracious and ever-present God, who justifies the ungodly with the promise that rests upon grace and is guaranteed to all of Abraham's descendants: Send forth your Spirit of new birth into the world, that all may trust in your goodness and be blessed, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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

Closing Hymn

Lead on O King Eternal

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Prayer Requests: Sharie Belanger, Kelly Campbell , Cannon Richard McConnell, Fred, Louise, Trisha Corner, Sawyer. Susan Goguen, Barbara Tait, Sydney, Jeff Lewis, Lloyd Hines, Denise and George. The Family of the late Sue Balcom.