



“
LIKE THE WOMAN
AT THE WELL,
BELIEVE THAT GOD
CAN *SATISFY* YOUR
DEEPEST THIRST.
”

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Woman*
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St. James Anglican Church
March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn Praise My Soul RB - 30

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 Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord; * let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

³ For the Lord is a great God, * and a great king above all gods.

4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the height of the hills are his also.

5 The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. * Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, * at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

9 They put me to the test, * though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, * “This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

11 So I swore in my wrath, * “They shall not enter into my rest.”

(Together): Creator of all, we give you thanks for a world full of wonder, but above all because you have called us into a holy fellowship with you and with each other. Guide us in the ways of this your new creation, rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Second Reading Romans 5: 1-11

Gradual Hymn: I Bind Unto Myself This Day RB - 68

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

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

Greater Moncton Anglicans are invited to gather on Sunday, April 16th in order to: further discuss/clarify the proposal of forming one parish; share what is unique about each of our Congregations; and discuss ideas on community partnerships that could support our church building costs.

The meeting will begin with a pot-luck lunch at 1230 pm. Location to be announced. Stay tuned!

Bible Study – Gospel Based Discipleship – St James with St George’s –Wed Mar 15 – 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?

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!

Church News

Coldest Night of the Year – Total donated through St James \$510.00 Online donations \$400.00. Anticipated donation from vestry of \$100 + \$180 (\$10 per person who walked) = \$280 Grand total \$1190.00. Congatulations! Thanks so much for your generosity!

Next Sunday, Mar 19 – Soup after the service and Simnel Cake...we hope!!! For Mothering Sunday. Hope you can stay!

Vestry Meeting – Next Sunday, Mar 19 downstairs after the service.

Wardens for 2023 – Donna Tower and Chris Mutch

Vestry Members

Keltie Campbell
Lynn Fife
David Ford
Karen McLean
Denise Martin (vestry clerk)

Milton Pratt (Treasurer)
Tracy Pratt
Susan Robertson
Lisa Robichaud
Diane Williams

Synod Delegates

Norman Goguen
Charlene Routledge
Julianna Muth (youth delegate)

Synod Alternates

Chris Mutch
Denise Martin

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!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Third Sunday in Lent*

Priest: Gracious and loving God, we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand: Hear our prayers as we call upon you, for you, O Holy One, are a great God; you are great above all gods. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

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 the love of Jesus and His message. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Reader 2. Eternal One, give to our leaders the wisdom of Moses and let all who hold authority in the world grow in faith, that they may use their power to speak hope to the outcast and marginal and to bring drink to all who thirst. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Reader 3. God of Peace and Compassion, let your spirit and truth go forth into the world to uphold and protect vulnerable women, the poor, and those who live in places of strife and conflict .Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Reader 4. Nurturing One, let your harvest of righteousness abound in our community that we may be a spring of water gushing to eternal life, bringing comfort, hospitality and relief to all who are near us. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

Reader 5. Healing God, guide all who suffer thorough the wilderness of their pain, especially remembering those on our parish prayer list...(add names known). May their suffering produce endurance, and endurance produce

character, and character produce hope that does not disappoint because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Come let us sing to the Holy One; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation, offering grateful thanksgivings, especially for this church family gathered. While we were sinners, Christ died for us, reconciling all humanity to God: Give your water of eternal life to all who have died, we pray especially for Sue Balcom and George Martin. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving, **and raise a loud shout with psalms.**

(Together): Almighty God, you are mysterious, free, and undefined: Let the power of your presence burn in our hearts and in our land, that your will may be done and your Name glorified forever, in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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) Spring of life and Source of goodness, receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord . 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): : God of our pilgrimage, we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forth on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 I Feel The Winds of God Today RB - 282

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