



Clergy

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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
March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS

Opening Hymn Praise To the Lord, The Almighty RB - 29

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, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(Together): Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you for ever. Amen

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gradual Hymn: For The Healing of the Nations RB - 210

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

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 22 – 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. 1st reading – What word(s), idea(s), or phrase(s) stand out for you?
2. 2nd reading – What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?
3. 3rd reading – What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

Community Breakfast – Our next brown bag community breakfast will be on Sat, April 15

We need UNDERWEAR men's size S-M, 30-32 and women's 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 \$530.00 Online donations \$400.00. Anticipated donation from vestry of \$100 + \$180 (\$10 per person who walked) = \$280 Grand total \$1200.00. Congratulations! Thanks so much for your generosity! Cut off day for donations is today, March 19.

Today, Mar 19 – Soup after the service and a treat...we hope!!! For Mothering Sunday. Hope you can stay!

Vestry Meeting – Today, Mar 19 downstairs after the service.

Wardens for 2023 – Donna Tower and Chris Mutch

Vestry Members

Keltie Campbell	Milton Pratt (Treasurer)
Lynn Fife	Tracy Pratt
David Ford	Susan Robertson
Karen McLean	Lisa Robichaud
Denise Martin (vestry clerk)	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
Fourth 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: Bring into your eternal life those who have died. 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 light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ 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): Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, 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 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah RB - 269

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 Sue Balcom.