



**“Everyone who lives and believes
in Me will never die.”**

John 11:26

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**St. James Anglican Church
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Eucharist. BAS**

Opening Hymn Let Us With A Gladsome Mind RB - 28

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, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
* let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
* more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem
Israel from all their sins.

(Together): Rescue us, O God for whom we wait, from the depths of depression and despair. May we trust in your mercy, know the fullness of your redemption, and share in the glory of your kingdom; through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Second Reading Romans 8; 6-11

Gradual Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is RB - 132

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

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

We thank Rev. Lid Haugen-Strand for leading us in worship this morning.

Greater Moncton Anglicans are invited to gather on Sunday, April 16th 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 12:30 pm. Location the Moncton Garrison.

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

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 womens M. Thanks for your continued generosity! Please let Donna or Denise know if you would like to volunteer!

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!

Church News

Vestry has voted to donate \$226, received from the Free Will Offering at the Pancake Supper to the New Brunswick Refugee Clinic. Following is an explanation from information received via Archbishop David. The Pancake Supper Free Will Offering was divided 5 ways between all the Anglican churches in the Greater Moncton area.

Refugee Claimants in NB. Many people have been crossing the Canada/U.S border from New York State into Quebec to seek asylum (in order to make a refugee claim from inside of Canada). The Premier of Quebec, François Legault has made an agreement to send a group of refugee claimants to Atlantic Canada. Both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are part of this transfer.

A refugee claimant does not have the same status as a refugee. As a claimant, they have a set amount of time to submit their documents for processing and “make a claim.” Once documents are successfully submitted, a claimant may stay in our province until a decision has been made on their case. If they fail to submit the claim in the required timeframe, they are at risk of being sent to a detention centre and/or deported.

New Brunswick does not have free legal aid services for refugees or other migrants. Since people have a limited amount of time to make their claim, funding for legal support will be critical in limiting deportations due to administrative issues. The New Brunswick Refugee Clinic, (based in Moncton) is a non-profit organization that is best placed to help this group with their claims. Most years they support around 20 claims and will need all of the support that they can get to process more than 100 applications in this short time frame.

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

Prayers of the People

Priest: Compassionate and Ever-Loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

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. Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ’s Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Reader 2: Almighty One, in Christ you have proclaimed the Kingdom of God among us and showed us your model of loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Guide our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of feasting and reconciliation. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Reader 3: Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them, restoring the prodigal and embracing the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty, and disreputable jobs; give security and joy to all who labor yet are poor and hungry; expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud; that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Reader 4: Holy One, unite all of us in this community and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as our own siblings and feast with them on the goodness of our inheritance. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Reader 5: We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially (Add Parish List). We embrace gratefully the abundance of your gifts to us. We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died especially Sue Balcom, George Martin and Barbara Tait. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; **shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

(Together): Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, 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)) Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. 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 hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.. 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 Love Divine, All Love Excelling RB - 241

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