

Sunday, March 30, 2025 10:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We're pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

Greeting and Land Acknowledgement

Grace, Mercy and Peace from God our Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you
And also with you

Bless the One who forgives all our sins.
God's mercy endures for ever.

Confession and Absolution
Dear Friends in Christ,
as we prepare for the Paschal Feast,
continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers,
let us make ready our hearts
to renew the covenant of our baptism.
Let us keep silence before our Creator and Redeemer.

Silence

Let us ask God to bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts.
And most especially,
let us remember the covenant of our baptism
and test our hearts and conscience
to know how faithfully
we have striven for justice and peace among all people,
respecting the dignity of every human being.

Silence

Almighty God have mercy on us,
Grant us the wisdom to know ourselves,
The courage to admit our sins,
And the grace to receive
God's never-failing mercy and forgiveness.
Amen
HYMN: Gathering Song *(See insert)*

Collect
Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. **Amen.**

The First Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Reader: John Warkentin
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Psalm 32
Reader: John Warkentin
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom GOD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to GOD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
"I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
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."
Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in GOD.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in GOD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm Hymn: Everlasting God, On You I Call
(See insert)

The Gospel Reading:
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

Prayers of The People: *Corinne MacLean*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord *(Blue book)*

Eucharistic Prayer
May God be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God
Let us give thanks to our loving God.
It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is indeed right and good… join in their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy God…….. with every breath:

All: We praise you, O God

Celebrant: Generations bless…….. into the future:

All: We bless you, O God

Celebrant: We give you thanks, …….with us now..

All: We thank you, O God

Celebrant: On the night, …….mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We pray, …….without end.

All: Amen. Amen amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Chant # 95 How Deep the Peace *(Red book)*

The Communion

Choir Song: Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
by Felix Mendelssohn

HYMN # 609 Far, Far Away from My Loving Father
Vs. 1,3 & 5 (Blue Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
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.

HYMN # 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(*Blue book)*)

The Dismissal