

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

9:30 a.m. Book of Alternate Services

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life. John 8.12

The Liturgical ministers enter in silence

The Gathering of the Community P45

Opening Hymn # 514

The Kyrie Eleison P186

Hear, O Israel, P53

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

With all your heart,

With all your soul,

With all your mind,

And with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Collect of the Day P291

The Proclamation of the Word

1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13

Psalm 23 P731

Ephesians 5: 8 - 14

The Holy Gospel: John 9: 1 - 41

The Sermon:

The Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: # 520

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts P292

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus #735

The Lord's Prayer P211

The Breaking of the Bread

P212

Agnus Dei: #701

Receiving Holy Communion: This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or are afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him might meet him here. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by placing your arms across your chest. We ask that you not dip the bread into the chalice. If you are not comfortable with the common cup, please receive only the bread. Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. (Gluten free bread is available on request).

Communion & Ablutions Hymn: # 85

Prayer after Communion P214

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: # 393

Dismissal

Our Ministers today:

Host: Erminie Reid

Greeter: Jim Green

Readers: Eleanor Blair, David Reid

Prayers of the People: Elizabeth Whalley

Servers: Bruce Adderley

Eucharistic Assistants: Linda Rintamaki, Dale Sparkes

Chancel Guild: Irene Roy, Marg Boone

Coffee Hosts: Audrey & Neil Love, Mary Ripley, Grace Dawson

Food Cupboard: Jim Bolt, Connie Bryson, Marilyn & Al Chisholm, Grace Dawson, Shirley, Mark, Marion & Peter Strawson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for Mexico and The Rt. Rev. Carlos Touche-Porter..

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer: We are asked to pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: the Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College and Queen's College of the Anglican Church of Canada; and the dean, council and congregations of the Northwestern Ontario Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

PWRDF Response: South Sudan & Kenya

In response to the famine in South Sudan and the drought in Kenya, PWRDF has announced two grants of \$25,000 each to Act Alliance, our relief work partner.

On February 20, the United Nations declared a state of famine in the north central part of the South Sudan. Almost 5 million people are unsure where their next meal will come from.

Almost half of Kenya's 47 counties are in a state of emergency, with the worst affected in rural areas where livestock are dying at the rate of 5% and compromised crop production is predicted in coming months.

PWRDF will support the work of ACT Alliance and its partners, Finn Church Aid, Lutheran World Federation, Church World Service and National Council of Churches.

PWRDF is accepting donations and will continue to update Anglicans across Canada on this situation, our response and impact. We thank you for your prayers and support.

Donations can be made in the following ways:

-On-line go to <http://pwrdf.org/donate-Emergency> Response
-by credit card, contact Jennifer Brown at 1-866-308-7973 or 416-924-9192 ext. 355.

By mail – make cheques payable to PWRDF, Emergency Response: South Sudan and Kenya and send to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street
Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.

PWRDF Humanitarian Response Coordinator

Naba Gurung, ngurung@pwrdf.org; 416-924-9192 ext 321

Anglicans in Canada are praying, acting and giving to those affected by this crisis. Please watch for updates on PWRDF's response to the situation at www.pwrdf.org

Thank you for supporting PWRDF's continuing work of providing relief to the people of South Sudan and Kenya.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Our prayers are asked for St. Brice's, North Bay and The Rev. Peter Armstrong and The Rev. John Stennett (Hon.)

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Elaine Waring, Barbara Warwick, Brenda Watts, and Elizabeth & Jim Whalley.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14
Romans 8: 6 – 11

Psalms 130
John 11: 1 - 45

Calendar for the Week

Thurs. March 30
7 p.m. Choir rehearsal

Fri. March 31
10:15 a.m. Craft Group

Parish News.

Funeral notice – Elsie Dumbrell's funeral will be held at St. John's at 11 a.m. on April 29.

Treasures 4 U – Our sale will be held on May 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We need donations of gently used household items. We are not able to accept large, heavy furniture only smaller working electronics. No clothing please; we will accept shoes, purses, jewelry, etc. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Deanery Golf Shirts – orders are being taken for Deanery Golf Shirts available in light blue and sized from XS to 4 XL for adults at \$31-\$33 each. Youth T-Shirts are also available in sizes S – XL for \$12.50. Please see Marg Boone if you are interested in placing an order. Orders must be received and paid for by March 31.

Forward Day by Day- There are some extra Forward Day by Day booklets. If you wish to purchase copies for the year 2017 please speak to Audrey.

Easter Flowers- Anyone wishing to donate to the Easter altar flowers please call Audrey at 344-4955.

Parishioner Parking Passes – are available through the Office at a cost of \$10 for the year. The proceeds are used to maintain the parking lot. Thank you.

EOP Donors: Any changes that need to be made to your givings and/or donations, please complete the form which is available at the back of the church and forward it to the church office, give it to a warden, or place it on the offering plate. Thank you.

The Anglican Journal, Algoma Anglican, St. John's Lamplighter - there are copies of the most recent editions of these publications at the back of the church. If you have not received copies in the mail and would like one, please take one.

A note about hospital visits: *When visiting the Regional Hospital, George only has access to a list of patients designated St. Luke's or St. John's Anglican. Unfortunately, despite the ongoing efforts of the Council of Clergy and others, on average, only 40% of the patients have any religion listed. In order to receive a visit when in the hospital, please have a family member or friend notify him (at the numbers on the bulletin) that you are in hospital and would appreciate a visit.*

Neighbourhood News

Come to the Cross – Sacred Music for Good Friday – Thunder Bay Community Choir with guest musicians will present their annual Good Friday concert at Trinity United Church on Fri. April 14 at 7 p.m. Admission by freewill offering in support of Blessings in a Backpack and the Thunder Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 31 – The Deanery of Thunder Bay – North Shore Anglican Church Women are holding a bake Sale in support of Camp Gitchigomee at Victoriaville Mall. Baking donations can be brought to St. John's on Thurs eve. March 30 for Elizabeth Whalley or taken to Victoriaville after 9 a.m. on the 31st. For further information contact Barb. Williams.

March 31 – cut off for the Mission to Seafarers 12th Annual Fund-raising Dinner to be held April 7 at the Current River Community Centre, 450 Dewe Ave. Tickets are \$35. The guest speaker is the Rev. Canon Andrew Wright, Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers. For tickets please see our MTS Congregational Rep. Marg Boone or for further info contact Janet Pike @627-1112 or call the Seafarers Centre @ 344-8241.

April 7 – Mission to Seafarers Annual Fundraising Dinner at Current River Recreation Centre, tickets \$35 are available from Marg Boone. The guest speaker is The Rev. Canon Andrew Wright, Secretary General of the Mission to Seafarers. Symposium at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:15.

April 19 - Salvation Army Journey to Life Dinner featuring guest speaker Jay Barnhard. Tickets are \$50 and available from the Salvation Army.

April 29 – ACW of the Deanery Tea to be held at St. Michael's & All Angels' Church.

April 29 – Marriage Preparation Workshop from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cost \$100. Prior to the workshop please purchase & read the book "5 Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. For further info please see the notice on the bulletin board, speak to your rector or contact Levina Collins at levinacollins@sympatico.ca or 887-2708.

April 30 – Parish of West Thunder Bay & 1st Thunder Bay B.P.S.A. Scouts are holding a Spaghetti Supper from 4 – 6 p.m. at Rosslyn Community Centre. Sit down or take-out (Bring your own container for take-out) Adults \$10, 6 – 12 year olds \$3, 5 & under \$1.