

**Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada
Sunday, January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Officiant—Rev'd Jon Forbes

Assisted By —Ginny Schleihauf

Organist—Dorothy Miller

380 Russell St. North (at Maxwell St.), Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 6S6

(519) 344-9531 - <http://www.canondavis.com> -canondavis@gmail.com

Prelude

Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. *Mark 1.15*

Processional Hymn # 97

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God, **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 in the highest, **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.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading:Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JONAH

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62: 6-14*(to be read responsively)*

For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

2nd Reading:I Corinthians 7: 29-31

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 435

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 1: 14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

John the Baptist is gone, finally! We've been hearing about this guy since the beginning of Advent over 6 weeks ago, John, John, John. Give me some Jesus! No more locusts and hair shirts, just Jesus gentle and mild. Well, sort of.

John's message of repentance isn't going anywhere. He called us down to the riverside to be cleansed and to encourage us to refocus our lives off of whatever we were doing before and on to Jesus. Repentance means just that, to turn around—Metanoia, to change, 180 degrees. Your life before this wasn't necessarily bad or even wrong, just not going where it needs to go, according to Jesus. Jesus doesn't let go of John's call of repentance but adds to it, the call to believe. What John was getting us ready for, has come in Jesus, so what will we do now that the kingdom of God has come near?

Well, let's see what Jesus has in mind. As he calls the first of his disciples. Simon (Peter) and Andrew are fishing, and then all of a sudden they are not, they are disciples soon to be apostles. It happens that fast, they don't seem to have that much to lose. Then Jesus calls James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who seem to be in charge of a fishing business of some sort, they have a bit more to give up, I mean did anyone ever ask poor Zebedee how he feels about Jesus taking his sons away from him. But again, they are mending nets in one moment, and then in the next, they are fishing for men.

That's where today's tale ends. It's a stark choice to follow Jesus! There can be serious consequences to following the Messiah of God. Lots of us have these sorts of tales as well. Loss and suffering on par with what Jesus experienced. It's not as if he wasn't willing to make a sacrifice or two to make his mission happen. He was all in. Not only did he receive John's baptism, but he picked up where he left off, and added his bold vision. It was not enough to repent, we must believe.

So what do you believe? Do you know? It might be useful for us as a congregation to have some sense of what we believe as we get ready for another vestry meeting in a few weeks. I did a seminar as I was finishing up my seminary training over a decade ago. We were asked to write a three-page paper on everything we had learned during our degree and how it had changed our beliefs. With 30 courses worth of info to synthesize it was probably the worst paper I had ever written in grad school. We were made to read them out loud in front of our classmates, but it was fascinating to hear what others thought was important. Then we were asked to come back in a month with our three-page paper edited down to 1 page. Same thing. So hard. Then after a month, we were asked to come back and give a 30-second elevator speech. And then finally for the 4th class to come back with less than 7 words.

Here are mine: "Whatever the question, Love is the answer." That is what I believe. That is what I will take to the pearly gates, and more importantly, to the altar today when I meet God once again. So not that you have to have an answer before you go up for communion, but now you have some homework for the next few weeks before vestry.

What do you believe? Jesus wants to know. If you want some help figuring it out, then let me know.

Amen.
Jon +

The Apostles' Creed:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
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.

Prayers of the People

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Sarnia, for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (especially), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died (especially), let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Remembering (... and) all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for...
Elaine S, Ruth, Donna, Bill T

Prayer for a Renewed Church

Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power, and then, give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your Church in this nation and at this time, and an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit, we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution: 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.

The Confession: Most merciful God,
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.

Absolution: 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 70

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Eucharist Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."
**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

The Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Doxology

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.**

Recessional Hymn # 438

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and those you love for ever more. **Amen.**

Benediction Song

Go Now in Peace

(found in the back of the blue hymn book)

Dismissal

The flowers on the Altar today are given in memory of our Dease Family Past, Bessie and Clarence, Don, Baby Bruce, Carol and Peter, Liam, John Mann and John Moser.

Please enter names in the **Intercessions Book** each week to be read in the service.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email:canondavis@gmail.com.

•

If you would like to contact Rev'd Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev'd Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email:jonforbes@outlook.com

•

Please join us for **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

Upcoming Events:

•

I invite you to attend our first meeting of 2024 on **January 22 at 10:00am**. A lesson in history: "The first Diocesan Women's Auxiliary annual meeting was held in the Diocese of Ontario at St. George's Cathedral on June 8, 1887. The group was imbued with missionary zeal. Even in those early years the Women's Auxiliary had a wide vision and boundless interest in missionary work, both in Canada and around the world. In 1966, the Women's Auxiliary was amalgamated with the other Women's Ministries and became known as the Anglican Church Women (ACW)." When I was asked to take on the role of President of the ACW Ladies Guild, to my knowledge this was how our group was to be identified. I recently learned that we are the only church in the Diocese that refers to ourselves as the ACW Ladies Guild. In order to be in compliance with the ACW purpose, we will now identify as the ACW, which is for all Anglican Church Women who attend Canon Davis Memorial Church. Carol Mercurio

•

2024 Vestry this year is **Sunday, February 4, 2024**, after the service in the Parish Hall. **Reports are due** to Karen McBride **by January 22**. **Vestry packages** will be **available Sunday January 28**.

Reminders

22 JanVestry Reports due

**22 JanACW Meeting 10:00 a.m. in the
York Room**

28 JanVestry Report for 2024 issued

**4 Feb Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall after
church service. Lunch will be
ACW**