

CANON DAVIS MEMORIAL CHURCH

Anglican Church of Canada

Third Sunday in Lent

3rd March 2024



We Come and worship God.

We go our way with souls nourished.

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March 3, 2024 — Third Sunday in Lent

Service of the Word

Processional Hymn # 388

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

People: 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.

Officiant: Merciful God, grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us reconcile to God and one another a sign of Christ's peace.

The Collect of the Day

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock,

or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19: *(to be read responsively)*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1: 18-25

READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but

we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel John 2 13-22

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had

spoken.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

John 2: 13-22

Passover was very symbolic for the Jews; as it is today...

During the Passover Seder meal, certain symbolic foods are traditionally consumed by Jewish families. Some of these include:

Matzah (unleavened bread): Symbolizing the haste with which the Israelites left Egypt, as they didn't have time for their bread to rise.

Maror (bitter herbs): Typically horseradish, representing the bitterness of slavery.

Charoset: A mixture of chopped nuts, apples, wine, and spices, symbolizing the mortar used by the Israelites in building during their enslavement.

Karpas: A vegetable, often parsley or celery, dipped in salt water to represent the tears of slavery.

Zeroa: A roasted lamb shank bone, symbolizing the sacrificial lamb during the time of the Temple in Jerusalem. These foods, along with others, play a

symbolic role in retelling the story of the Exodus and are an integral part of the Passover traditions.

Jesus took this tradition seriously, and it was during Passover when He entered the temple, only to see it being used like a market.

The event is unique in that it emphasizes Jesus' passion for the sanctity of the temple and his reaction to commercial activities within it.

But why would the people in the temple think it was alright to sell animals and exchange monies?

The practice of selling animals and exchanging money was likely carried out for the convenience of worshippers. Pilgrims from various regions would come to Jerusalem, but bringing animals for sacrifice over long distances could be impractical. Additionally, the temple tax had to be paid in a specific currency, which meant for the currency exchange tables.

However, over time, these commercial activities within the temple became corrupted. The sellers took advantage of the pilgrims' religious obligations, often charging exorbitant prices for animals and manipulating currency exchange rates.

And it was at this point when Jesus became aware....

His actions in the temple were driven by a sense of righteous indignation. The merchants had turned a sacred space into a marketplace, violating the sanctity

of worship. His actions were meant to symbolize a cleansing of impurity and a restoration of the true purpose of the temple as a house of prayer. It reflects his commitment to upholding the divine order and denouncing practices that distorted the spiritual significance of the temple. This act can be seen as a manifestation of Jesus' strong sense of justice and devotion to the purity of worship.

This is the only account in the bible of Jesus displaying such anger.

But I think it's important to remember that Jesus action was not a condemnation of commerce or business transactions per se, but rather a response to the distortion of the sacred space for personal gain.

It serves as a call to uphold the sanctity of worship and resist practices that exploit or harm the spiritual well-being of the community.

May we always strive to know the difference?

Let us pray.....

Lord, we are grateful to be gathered together today to worship your Holy Name in Your church. We offer our worship and adoration to you, for you are worthy to be praised. Help our focus to remain on you as we go about our day. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Officiant: Let us confess our faith 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.**

Prayers of the People

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

For this community, our country, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Todd our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for...
Donna, Bill T, Rick, Jo-Anne, Elaine S, Jon F, Baby Young, Ruth, Charlie,
Kathy F

Hear us, Lord.
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. *(The people may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our king;
And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those
whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your
eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you
know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our

requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Offertory Hymn # 365

Glory to God on High

Offertory Response

All Things Come of Thee

People: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People: 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.

Officiant: 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.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn # 524

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Officiant: May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sung Benediction

Go Now in Peace

(in the back of the blue Hymn book)

*The flowers on the Altar today are given to the
Glory of God and in memory of Eric Hunter and
other loved ones, a gift of Rosemary and family.*

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 this Sunday for **pies, mushy peas and chips** at **Coffee Hour** after service in the parish hall. Free Will Offering.
- **Daylight Savings time starts Sunday March 10**, so please remember to change your fire alarm batteries and to Spring forward one-hour Saturday night.
- **Happy Birthday and best wishes** to Brad Carroll, McKenna Carroll, Marion Curran, Nicole Hayter, Charlie Lavigne, Gerry Rinker, Pat Struthers, from all your friends at CDM.
- Copies of the **ACW Minutes from Monday February 26** , are available on the table at the back of the church.
- **Easter Lily Memorials – 2024** If you wish to donate to the Easter Lily Memorials for 2024, please put your donation in a separate envelope marked "Easter Lily Memorials" and include your name, envelope number and the amount. if you would like your gift acknowledged in the Church bulletin(s) or wish to make changes to your current

acknowledgement call Karen at 519-344-9531 or email canondavis@gmail.com by March 19. Please note changes to the Poinsettia Fund do not automatically get transferred to the Easter Lily Memorials.

- **Special Vestry Meeting** is called for **Sunday March 17, 2024**.in support of Ginny Schleihauf, who is beginning the discernment process of becoming a Deacon. We ask for your prayers as she begins this journey. Thank you
- **Please note, that Bible Study Sunday March 3rd is cancelled due to illness.**

Upcoming Events:

- **Come, join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day with CDM's famous Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner Wednesday March 13.** Call **519 344-9531** to reserve your seat. Cost: Adults \$20.00 and take out is also available. Entertainment Sweet Cailey Tea, singer
- **Sew Day Returns to Canon Davis on Saturday March 23, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Cost \$20.00, lunch included. Bring your projects for a show and tell Sew Day.
- **Anglican Church Women--Diocese of Huron Annual Meeting and Conference Saturday 27 April 2024** at Church of Ascension 2060 Dundas St. E. London, On. If you are interested in attending copies of the Registration/Lunch form are at the back of the church. For more information, please see Carol Mercurio for details.

Reminders:

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| 3 Mar | Pies, Mushy Peas and Chips after service--Free Will Offering |
| 10 Mar | Spring Forward one hour |
| 13 Mar | St. Patrick's Day--Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner |
| 17 Mar | Special Vestry Meeting |
| 20 Mar | Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. Boardroom |
| 23 Mar | Sew Day in the Parish Hall |