

**Canon Davis Memorial Church
Anglican Church of Canada
Sunday, March 17, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent**



Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sentence

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11: 25,26

Processional Hymn # 393

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51: 1-13

(to be read responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-10

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten

you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 377

To the Name of Our Salvation

Gospel

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

John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

At the start of Lent, we heard God boom down with a message from heaven, and this time we know for sure that others hear it—even if they mistake it for thunder. How often do we hear the thunder of God's voice but not understand? Do we even bother to listen for God speaking to us anymore?

There are many familiar themes in this week's passage: losing one's life in order to gain it, following Jesus, Jesus speaking about his impending death, and the way that his salvation work expands to all the nations. So listen up, there's something in the gospel message for everyone.

This passage, though, more than any of the others gives us more insight into Jesus's own thoughts and feelings about his calling to the cross. In the other passages, he's been looking to his followers, trying to help them be prepared and to understand. And even though he's still speaking with them here, he's sharing in a more personal way than we have heard him do so far.

Though it seems that the crowd didn't quite catch the words spoken from heaven, Jesus tells them (and us) that this voice has come for their benefit. He publicly shared the difficulty of his inmost troubles for our benefit as well. In that moment Jesus models for us: by honestly seeking the glory and support of God in the midst of trials here in earth, and by willingly letting the necessary things die in order to experience new, abundant life. We are reborn. Good Friday is necessary for Easter Sunday to happen. This is a lesson Jesus has tried to teach us before: let go of the old ways so we can walk in new ways.

The gospel speaks of glorification for both the Son and the Father. In verse 23, Jesus takes the presence of the Greeks as a sign that the time has come for him to be glorified. Then, in verse 28, Jesus tells the Father to glorify the Father's name. In fact, the Father says his

name has already been glorified and will be glorified again. God is encouraging Jesus Christ: Jesus has already glorified the Father's name through his life of obedience, and through his continuous and willing obedience, even unto death, he will continue to bring glory to the whole Trinity's purpose of salvation.

This pattern of death producing life is written all through out the bible. God has decided to honour and glorify the willing sacrifice of Jesus, through whom creation was made, by imprinting his story on every seed that brings life through its death!

Years ago I had the chance to join with the Anglican Church in El Salvador. To walk the streets and meet the people. Of course I had the chance to learn more about San Romero, a Catholic priest who worked for social justice and tried to bring about peace from violence.

I read most of his writings and sermons that have been saved and was impressed how he changed from a young man steeped in the dogma of the church, to a wise priest who saw the suffering of his people and the answer to their prayers in the life of the church.

I was able to worship in the chapel where he was martyred and hear the words of the gospel that he preached that day, the same ones that we heard today. "The harvest comes about because the grain dies, allows itself to be sacrificed in the earth and is destroyed. Only by destroying itself does it produce the harvest." He preached to the people.

As he finished up his sermon and transitioned to leading Holy Communion, Romero spoke of the symbolism in the wheat and the wine. It was at that moment that a red VW beetle pulled up to the open doors of the chapel and two hitmen, hired by a right-wing political party leader, shot Romero to death as he prayed at the altar. The floor is still stained where his blood spilled that day.

Now none of you are being asked to make that kind of a sacrifice, but still I wonder what sort of things do we need to let die in our lives so that new life can be reborn. St. Oscar Romero's death transformed my life and allowed me to let go of many of the things I had been hanging onto. I pray each and every day that my life will make a difference in the world. Easter is coming, we are being called to make the journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. Bring only what you need, let everything else go. Death is not the final answer. We will be reborn with him. If only we hear the voice of God calling us into life, because that is what God does, again and again.

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

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy.")

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Donna, Bill T, John D, Jo-Anne E, Rick,

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 # 615

Just As I Am

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, 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 right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and 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

We break this bread

Communion in Christ's body once broken

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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 # 602

Lift High the Cross

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 to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew
and loved ones, a gift of his family.*

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 **Coffee Hour** after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.
- **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
- **Rev'd Jon Forbes invites you for Bible Study, Sunday evenings on Zoon at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is:**
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86012234636?pwd=gGYy8r1ULQq3KIISYJQ3ykH7Acbyqz.1>

Upcoming Events:

- **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:

17Mar	Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. on zoom
20 Mar	Parish Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. Boardroom
23 Mar	Sew Day in the Parish Hall
24 Mar	Palm Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. - Canon Davis
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. - Canon Davis
29 Mar	Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m. - Canon Davis
30 Mar	Holy Saturday Vigil 6:30 p.m. - All Saints
31 Mar	Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Canon Davis

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the parish of Canon Davis Memorial Church:

With a heavy heart, I write to inform you of my decision to resign as your Interim Priest. When I was asked to come on, I agreed with the caveat that I would continue to search for a full time position. That opportunity has presented itself with the congregation at Camlachie United Church.

Rest assured I will be with you through Holy Week and Easter and into April. I will begin my new ministry on May 1st, 2024.

I am sure this news will be disappointing for some but I trust in the Holy Spirit and God's ability to provide for those who are faithful. The wardens will continue to work with Archdeacon Sam Thomas to provide for your pastoral needs. I have every confidence that this congregation will continue to praise God and spread the gospel to the ends of the earth as we are called to do.

I ask that you keep my family in your prays, and keep a positive outlook for the future.

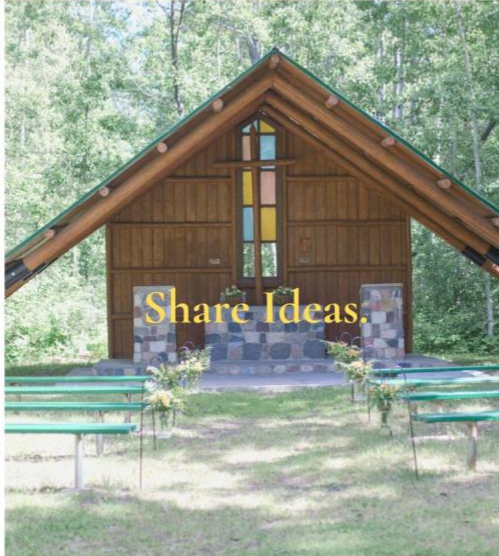
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Sundays
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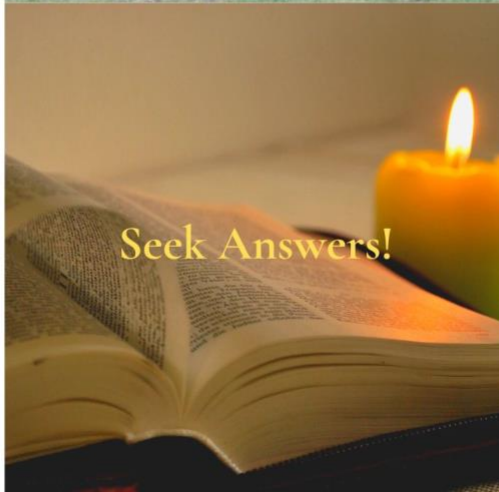
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Ask Questions!



Share Ideas.



Seek Answers!

STUDY

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