

Sunday, February 22, 2026 Order of Service
Lent 1 and VESTRY

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Prelude Lord, Let Thy Spirit (D.Paxton); Prelude on "Bourbon" (E.Broughton)

Call to Worship

Celebrant Today, we follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.

People **We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

Celebrant We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

People **We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

Celebrant We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

People **We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

Celebrant We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

People **We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Prayer of Acknowledgement

Holy Creator, you made all people of every land in your image and entrusted them with the care of the earth that you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of those peoples who first occupied the land we are on: the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabek Nation, the Mississaugas of Scugog, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Métis Nation. Give us patient hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness so that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts so that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name: our Creator, your Son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Sentence

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. — Matthew 4.4

Processional CP 372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height v 1-4

1 Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.

2 O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

3 O generous love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;

4 and that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self, and essence all-divine.

Gathering of the Community

Greeting

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **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.**

Trisagion CP 688

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Jacqui

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis:

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The word of the Lord; *All Thanks be to God*

Psalm 32 *Refrain* **Happy are they whose sin is put away.**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord 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 the Lord.”
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. *Refrain*

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 the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. *Refrain*

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19 Cathy

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans:
Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man’s trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace

and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The word of the Lord; **All Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v 1,6b

1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn, still you rise with every morn.

6b From the dawning of creation you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone, make us turn to you alone.

Gospel Reading Matthew 4:1-11 Ron

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Reader The Gospel of Christ ; **People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Maria+

After the sermon, a silence is kept

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

begotten, not made,
 of one being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father.
 With the Father and the Son
 he is worshipped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic
 and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Thumeka

- Leader* Holy God, we begin our Lenten journey mindful of the temptation and suffering that your son Jesus Christ endured in the wilderness. We ask for you to strengthen us, as we find ourselves in the desert of human faults, failings and sinfulness.
Brief silence. Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Gracious God, we ask for your guidance in all that our church plans for the coming six weeks of Lent; for the Lenten events and for all special services to be held in the Diocese of Toronto. *Brief silence.* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* Creator God, your love reaches out to the boundaries our world, to the rich who have everything they need and the poor who have nothing except misery and oppression. We pray for all your people whoever they are, wherever they live and whatever their circumstances; that in their joy and sorrow, the knowledge of your presence might bring comfort, healing and restoration. *Brief silence.* Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Father God, we pray against all areas of our society where good food is wasted or disposed of unnecessarily when it could be used to relieve suffering. We thank you for the work of food banks and charities which support disadvantaged individuals and communities. *Brief silence.*
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Loving God, we pray for all of those dear to our hearts who are ill or in any kind of need. We also give thanks for those on the road to recovery following illness, surgery or procedures and for those whose only healing will come through death. We pray today for Ralph & Lillian, Jean, Irva, Ray, Kaynaz, A.J., Debbie, Lucas, Danielle, Evelyn, Shahhin, Léandra, Avil, Kristie, Mona, Dan, Clare, Tom, Aldith, and those whom we name in our hearts now. *Brief silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Merciful God, when death comes close to us through the loss of a family member or friend help us to remember them and rejoice in their fellowship, giving thanks for the way that, as their lives touched ours, so we were enriched by that relationship. *Brief silence.* Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Everlasting God, your love and forgiveness washes over us and astonishes us with generosity. May we go out from this time of worship today as people who enjoy complete forgiveness and a restored relationship with you and all those with whom we share our lives.

People **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant 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.

Silence

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory CP 172 Now Let Us All with One Accord

1 Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast.

2 The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime.

3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race has not returned, but falsified.
Author of mercy, turn your face and grant repentance for our pride.

4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be, in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety, we cause your name to be betrayed.

5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live in love and unity and peace.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our refuge and our strength,
 receive all we offer you this day,
 and through the death and resurrection of your Son
 transform us to his likeness.
 We ask this in his name.

All **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.
Therefore with angels and archangels
and all who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All **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.**

Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving

to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All **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 #7

Celebrant We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

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

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

CP 690

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

An Act of Spiritual Communion for Those in the Online Chapel

We worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Holy Sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for you and for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, empowered by your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn CP 174 Eternal Lord of Love

Anthem Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley (L.Larson)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God, in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.

All **Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **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.**

Blessing

Celebrant 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 our Lord:
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recessional CP 176 By the Holy Spirit Sent v 1,3-5

1 By the Holy Spirit sent, Jesus to the desert went,
that he might his children show how sin's power to overthrow.

3 When the devil at his side tried to make him sin through pride,
he would give no outward sign that he was God's son divine.

4 Calmly he refused to win by a single act of sin
of the whole wide world the throne; he would worship God alone.

5 Since our loving Saviour thus kept a sacred Lent for us,
we, through him, can conquer sin and a royal victory win.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude On "St Magnus" (H.Willan)