



March 5, 2023
Lent 2
St Paul's Anglican Church

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn #602 Lift High the Cross

Welcome & Announcements

Sentence: The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. *John 3. 14-15*

The Decalogue **Pg. 68**

Collect for the King **Pg 70**

Collect of the Day

All: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

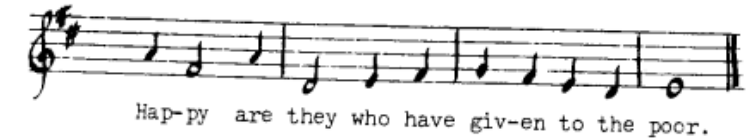
1st Reading Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. So, Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader: This is the Word of The Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121. (Please join in singing the refrain)



Hap-py are they who have giv-en to the poor.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. **Refrain**

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep. **Refrain**

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. **Refrain**

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forth for evermore. **Refrain**

2nd Reading – Romans 4: 1-5,13-17 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null, and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I

have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus (V 1-2)

The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so

that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 532 (verse 3)

THE CREED

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Homily – Rev Bonnie Skerritt

Offertory Hymn # Blessed Assurance (VU337)

Refrain: *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long,
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood. **(Refrain)**

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight,
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **(Refrain)**

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. **(Refrain)**

Prayer Over the Gifts

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Celebrant: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

Prayers & Intercession

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Confession, Absolution and Comfortable words Pg. 77

Thanksgivings Pg. 78

Sanctus (sung) CP #683

Prayer of Consecration Pg. 82

Prayer of Humble Access Pg. 83

Agnes Dei (sung) CP685

Hymns during Communion

Hymn : 179 Tree of Life and awesome Mystery(v1,4,& 6c)

Hymn: 568 Nada te turbe (Nothing can trouble) (3x)

Hymn: 649 Breathe on Me Breath of God

The Lord's Prayer & Prayer After Communion Pg. 85

Blessing Pg. 86

Recessional: Hymn # 525 The Church's One Foundation

Announcements

All are welcome to stay for our Vestry meeting which will be held in the church immediately following the service. Please take a moment to have a stretch, enjoy the music and then return to your pew The Sisterhood will welcome you to Refreshment time after the meeting is adjourned.

World Day of Prayer will be hosted this afternoon by the Salvation Army, Eglington St Lindsay at 3:30 pm.

Please note a change in the date for The Advisory Board. The First meeting of the new board will take place on Wednesday March 22, at 7pm in main church hall.

Book Club next meeting is March 7, at the home of Lorna Green, please sign up on the list found in the Parish Hall.