

The Penitential Rite

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness

by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

All 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 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 Gathering of the Community

Officiant Lord, open our lips,

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison # 706 (sing 3 times)

Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison

Venite - Psalm 95.1–7

All Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading - Joshua 5:9-12

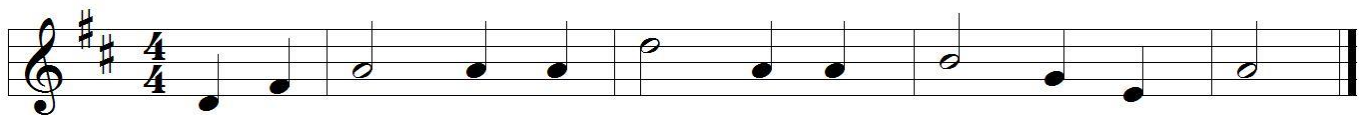
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32



You sur-round me with shouts of de - liv - erance, O Lord.

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! **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

Therefore, all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

"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." **R**

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. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 611 Our Father, We Have Wandered (v1)

Holy Gospel - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So, he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and

travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

Officiant The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn # 611 Our Father, We Have Wandered (v2)

Homily The Rev'd Bonnie Skerritt

Choir Anthem # 609 Far, Far Away from My Loving Father

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant 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.

Offertory Hymn # 615 Just As I Am

Prayer over the Gifts

Officiant God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

Officiant Let us pray.

All Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.

Announcements

Closing Hymn # 547 I Sought the Lord (alt. tune Finlandia)

Dismissal

Officiant Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Amen

Postlude: Reflection on "Gordon" - Robert J. Hughes
(Feel free to sit and listen)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3: 5,6

Next Week's **Readings – Lent 5**

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12: 1-8

Announcements

Designated Giving #215 for March will benefit the **Kawartha Food Source**. Ask any food source volunteer and they will tell you we are enduring an unprecedented local hunger crisis. More than ever, our donations are needed to help fill an urgent need for fresh produce, milk and eggs, and to support the food source meal programs.

Praying the Parish List: During the week before Easter (April 13 -19) you are invited, and encouraged, to participate in our goal to collectively pray for each of the 266 people on our parish list in your daily prayers. Cards containing 10 individuals' names will be available from Paul Carpentier as of this Sunday (or by Email pacarp50@yahoo.ca), or in the office from Arlene. Please pick up a card and commit to remembering each person on your list in your daily prayers.

There will also be a team of people who will be in the sanctuary daily that week to uphold in prayer one half of our parish, by name. If you would like to be part of this team, please speak to Paul.

Refreshment Time helpers: The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!



SAVE YOUR LOONIES!!!! Spring Thaw Dinner and Loonie Auction Sat. April 5, 2025, 6 PM Come and enjoy a 3-course catered dinner. \$40.00 PP – Prebooked, Reserved Seating.

Tickets on Sale: Feb 2 (cash, cheque, square) every Sunday and during church office hours (Tues-Thurs 9-12)

Wednesdays in Lent – Through Lent, Morning Prayer will be offered Wed. at 9:30. At least once during Lent we will use the BCP, the BAS and the Iona Worship Book. Morning Prayer will be followed by our Lenten Study. **A Diocesan Lenten study** resource is available for you. This is a daily resource that we will use for small group discussion.

Agape Lunch Sign up Sheet is posted. Please come and join us for this unique expression of the last supper. A light lunch will be served.

A reminder to wear **nametags** to help others know who you are.

We Strive to be a Scent free space



Please check out the St. Paul's bulletin board in the Hall for more information about what's happening during the Season of Spiritual Renewal.

The Grapevine is On-Line only. Thank you, Diane! If you wish a Hard copy, please connect with the office. Thanks

Baby Grand Piano Well Done! If you haven't donated to the piano fund yet, any extra money will go toward the purchase of the new bass strings. Thank you!

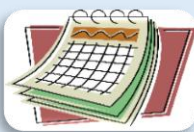


ATV for Sale: Are you interested in purchasing (or know someone who might be) a Venom III 110 cc ATV that was donated to the church. We are asking \$850. Please connect with Paul C.

Weekly Room Schedule:

Mon	Community Care	weekly 11:00 – 12:00	upper
Mon.	Community Choir	weekly 7:00 pm	hall
Tues.	ESL*	weekly 9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	ESL*	weekly 9:30 – 11:30	hall
Thurs.	Sisterhood	weekly 12:00 – 2:00	hall
Thurs.	Community Care	weekly 1:00 – 2:00	upper
Thurs.	Handbells	weekly 3:45 pm	upper
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	weekly 7:00 pm	sanctuary
Tues. – Fri.	Tai Chi	weekly 9:30 – 11:30	upper
3 rd Friday	Kawartha Food Source	9:00 – 11:30	kitchen
3 rd Tuesday	Horticultural Society	7:00 – 9:00	hall

*English as a 2nd Language



Thank you for Worshipping with us Today.

Please join us after Worship for Refreshments and Fellowship!

Please note that all hymns are taken from Common Praise (1998) or are printed in the leaflet

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