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*All Saints' at the beginning of Lent
Photo by Helen Norman*

First Sunday of Lent

February 21st, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Celebrant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude, the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

People: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

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.

Trisagion (CP#707) (x3)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: Each thing we have received,

People: from God it came.

Celebrant: Each thing we enjoy,

People: from God it comes

Celebrant: Each thing we pray for,

People: from God it will be given.

Celebrant: God of life, you are the source of all goodness and the satisfaction of all our desires. Our understanding of you is small; increase it. Our desire to do your will is weak; enliven it. The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit; ripen it. But first, create in us clean hearts as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride, of hardness of heart, of weakness of intention. Jesus, Son of Mary,

People: have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: Jesus, Saviour of the World,

People: make peace within us.

Celebrant: Christ, King of Glory,

People: be with us and for us wherever life takes us.

Celebrant: In the common path of our calling, whether it be easy or uneasy to tread, whether it be bright or dark to follow, let your perfect guidance protect us.

People: Be a shield against all that might deceive us, be a healer for all that might harm us, be a witness of all that might trouble us, be a friend to all who are dear to us, this day and until we meet in glory. Amen.

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5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: God of the wilderness,

People: your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these forty days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The First Reading is from Genesis (9:8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between

me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

Celebrant: To you, O Lord,

People: I lift up my soul;

Celebrant: my God, I put my trust in you;

People: let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Celebrant: Let none who look to you be put to shame;

People: let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Celebrant: Show me your ways, O Lord,

People: and teach me your paths.

Celebrant: Lead me in your truth and teach me,

People: for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Celebrant: Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,

People: for they are from everlasting.

Celebrant: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

People: remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Celebrant: Gracious and upright are you, O Lord;

People: therefore you teach sinners in your way.

Celebrant: You guide the humble in doing right

People: and teach your way to the lowly.

Celebrant: O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness

People: to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The Second Reading is from 1 Peter (3:18-22)

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (v.1-5, 6b) #179

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.

Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew, we may die to rise anew.

We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.

Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you, if we bear the cross with you.

Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

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.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark (1:9-15)

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Celebrant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:
All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus,

All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

Celebrant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.
All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.

Celebrant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Marcie Taylor)*

One: O God, as we begin this Lenten journey, we remember that Jesus himself battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you during his desert time. Help us to use these forty days to grow in wisdom, prayer, and love, that we might follow you faithfully and keep the covenant that you made with us. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us in your ways.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: We pray for the whole church, ordained and laity alike, who strive to follow your paths of love and faithfulness. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; and Shane, our Bishop. In our own community, we pray for Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and for Julie, Edith, Helen, Mark, Lori, Paul, and David, and their contributions to our ministries. We pray for the people of First United and for Brian, their pastor. Come, Holy Spirit, and teach us your truth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: In the midst of life, we entrust ourselves to your care, as we unceasingly pray for those we love and who need your special healing:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans); **Bart** (Beglo); **Sue** (Wise); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin)

One: and for those whom we name silently or aloud. . . .
Come, Holy Spirit, and empower us to be healers.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: We pray for those who have died, including those whom we name silently and aloud . . . and those who mourn them. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with loving hearts.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Joining together on this Freedom Sunday, let us remember the deep wounds and needs of those affected by human trafficking, labour exploitation, and all forms of violence and injustice, as we pray this litany, remembering especially Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls.

God of the forgotten, we remember before you all who are vulnerable to human trafficking. We remember before you all the Indigenous girls and very young women who have suffered abuse, rape, and violence. We remember all those from the East of our land who are missing or have been confirmed to be murdered, and their communities, families, and all who mourn. Come, Holy Spirit, and turn our hearts, minds, souls, and bodies to care, to advocate, and to seek justice.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: We remember before you all the Indigenous women, who, coming into the greening and beautiful springtime of life have been violated, beaten, and cut down. We remember all those from the South of our land, who are missing or murdered, and their communities and families who mourn. Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us to

seek ways to support the children and families of these women, with true nurture and care.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: We remember before you all the Indigenous women, who, as mothers of girls and women who have been brutalized, are seared with the burning pain of grief. We remember all those from the West of our land who are missing or murdered, and their communities and families who mourn. Come, Holy Spirit, and with fierce comfort, protect all who mourn so that they may find healing, truth, and justice.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: We remember before you all the Indigenous women Elders, who bring the wisdom of their lives to guide the younger generations. We give thanks for their strength and courage, and for those who have shared their healing journeys. We pray for continued healing and relief for them for the grief that they carry for their grandchildren, Indigenous girls, and women missing or murdered, as they near the end of their days. Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to honour these Elders, that their stories of survival and healing from violence may guide us and teach us deeply.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: Tear open anything that divides us from you, O God, or that hides your presence from us. This we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus, our saviour and friend.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Hymn: Let Streams of Living Justice

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Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together;
 knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of life enroll us till the thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
 light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built for music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour:
 our homeland brightly gleams.

Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,
People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

People: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we long for the time when we can be fed by the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who look to the time when we can share his body, live his risen life; we, who wait with expectation to drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise you name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: You challenge us to reflect and serve, O God.

**People: Give us honesty in our looking back;
give us generosity in our relationships;**

Celebrant: give us hope in the midst of turmoil;
give us energy to take on faithful endeavours;

People give us patience when all does not go according to plan; give us endurance as we walk the testing Lenten path.

Celebrant: And the blessing

Announcements

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, February 28th, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Toni Larsen

Intercessor: Marcie Taylor

Please pray this week for

- those worshipping and ministering at Peace Latvian Lutheran Church;
- our Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre and Sharon York, Executive Director as well as their staff and clients;
- members of our Parish Ministry Committee;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Elizabeth Barter, Isabel Barter, Jean Noy, and Joyce Code; and
- the Carlington Health Centre and the Carlington Chaplaincy.

Credits:

Opening prayers from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition, p. 51.

Collect from Common Worship (2000) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Intercessions based on resources found at: www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/freedom-sunday/resources/

Closing prayers from David Sparks Prayers to Share, Year B

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
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This Week

Monday	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Diocesan Book Study	Zoom
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Upcoming Events

Diocesan-wide Book Study

Thursdays, February 25th, March 4th, and 11th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join us for the fourth session of the Diocesan-wide Winter/Lent book study. Even if you don't have the book, or haven't "attended" the first three sessions, you are very welcome to join this informal, friendly study group. Email the office if you need the Zoom link.

Morning Prayer in Lent

Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 am, via Zoom

Join Simone for morning prayer via Zoom each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, at 9:00 am, throughout Lent. We'll be rotating through four different forms of Morning Prayer. Tune in with a hot morning beverage and see which you prefer. The Zoom link (which was sent in Chris's email last week) will remain the same for all sessions. Looking forward to praying together!

Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 28th, at 11:15 am, via Zoom

This year's Annual Vestry Meeting will be held over Zoom on Sunday, February 28th. The 2020 Vestry Report Document has been distributed via email. If you didn't get a copy, you can find it on our website at <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Web-Version-of-Vestry-Report-2020.pdf> and contact the office if you need a voting form (only necessary if you won't be able to attend the meeting). Watch for the Zoom link for the meeting, which will come in an email from Chris this week.