

## Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Ireland and their clergy, The Most Rev. Dr. Richard Lionel Clarke.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Leonard-on-the-Hill, Red Deer; St. Paul, Hillsdown, St. George, Harmattan and their clergy, The Rev. Gary Sinclair and for The Synod Steering Committee and Synod 75 on May 9-20, 2014.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary LaCaye, St. Lucia and their clergy, The Ven. Randolph Evelyn.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Jocelyn Hutchinson, Allan Knobbe, Howie Dawe, Joy Tufts, Doug, Judy and Emily Rousell and family, Linda Greene, Maria Dalla Costa, Kolby Thomson, Ruth Elford, Shelley, Alison James, Julienne Hendrickson, Laurie Arsenault, Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, Virginia Goodman, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Eileen Williams, Andrew Howe.
- In our prayers today we remember Joyce Willis and her family on the passing of Ken, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Funeral Service will be held at St. Peters on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 pm.

Mary Westell is warden on duty today.

**Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God by Mrs. Dorothy Wiens in thanksgiving.

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*If you or someone you know is ill or in need of pastoral care,  
please leave a message at the office or email one of our clergy.  
Please feel free to direct any inquiries, questions or concerns to one of the wardens.*

**March 30th, 2014**

**10:00 am**



**Today's Services of Holy Communion**

**8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

**10 am (Book of Alternative Services)**

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Celebrant: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Lay Readers: Lorraine Grant and Connie Kadey

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*During Lent, our service is reordered, with the penitential rite at the beginning rather than following the prayers. We do not use the Gloria or say “alleluia” during this season. In the early church, Lent was a time for new believers to prepare for baptism, which took place during the Easter Vigil service.*

*If you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. As today’s service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God. As its sound fades away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **Call to Silence**

**Processional Hymn: #533 Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

### **Greeting**

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.**

For the forgiveness of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord.

### **The Penitential Rite (Sung)**

## 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

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is covered.

**They are happy, for the Lord declares them "not guilty"**

Let us worship and rejoice

**The Lord is our hiding place and our refuge in times of trouble.**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, **whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life, may we always thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Spiritual Practices

*This Lent, we are exploring habits and actions through which we grow spiritually. Each Sunday, a member of the congregation will share a practice which is important for their journey. Today, Rosemary Bishop will be sharing her experience with Christian Meditation.*

## Children's Time

***Children are invited to come forward, then leave for Spirit Zone and return for Eucharist.***

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Carol Kyle

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought,

“Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 23, page 731 (BAS, green book)**

**New Testament Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Doug Kyle**

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Response: **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn: #177 A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord**

**The Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 (read as ‘reader’s theatre)**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen.

Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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

**Homily: The Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland**

**Prayers of the People**

**Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

**The Prayer over the Gifts:**

God of light, **your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Eucharistic Prayer #1, BAS page 193**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread #7 BAS page 213**

Agnus Dei (Sung)

**Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us,  
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,  
Jesus redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

*All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

All your works praise you, O Lord. **And your faithful servants bless you.**  
 Gracious God **we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who 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 your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Anthem: Speak O Lord – Keith Getty and Stuart Townend**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
 To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
 Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
 Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
 That the light of Christ might be seen  
 today  
 In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
 All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
 Holy reverence, true humility;  
 Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
 In the radiance of Your purity.  
 Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to  
 see

Your majestic love and authority.  
 Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
 Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
 Help us grasp the heights of Your plans  
 for us—  
 Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
 That will echo down through eternity.  
 And by grace we'll stand on Your  
 promises,  
 And by faith we'll walk as You walk with  
 us.  
 Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
 And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
 To receive the truth of Your holy word.

### **Blessing**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Recessional Hymn: #583 When God Restored Our Common Life**

#### **The Dismissal of the Community** (*We do not say alleluia during Lent*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**