

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Mothering Sunday**  
**March 18, 2012**



**The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.**

-Malachi 4:2

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher  
 Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop  
 Lector: Wendy Both  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)  
 Celebrant: The Reverend Graham Goode  
 Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher  
 Lay Readers: David Gravells, Connie Kadey, Lorraine Grant  
 Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### Processional Hymn: #3 Morning Has Broken

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, *be with you all.*

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Gracious Father,  
*All* **whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven  
 to be the true bread which gives life to the world.,  
 evermore give us this bread,  
 that he may live in us, and we in him,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Helen Belcher

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Old Testament Reading:** Numbers 21:4–9

Doug Kyle

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22**

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**New Testament: Ephesians 2:1–10**

Carol Kyle

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ —by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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**Gradual Hymn: #400 What Wondrous Love Is This**

**Gospel:** John 3:14–21

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Jesus said, “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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather

than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Homily: The Reverend Helen Belcher**

**The Prayers of the People**

**Confession and Absolution – page 191**

**Peace**

**Offertory Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery, verses 1-5, 6e**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

Prayer Over the Gifts *(together)*

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #2 – page 196

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread - page 213

We break this bread, **Communion in Christ's body once broken.** Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying. **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The Communion

*All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion

*(together)*

Giver of life, **you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendor of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn: #505 Be Thou My Vision**

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

## Thanks be to God.

### Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and their clergy, The Most Rev. Ian Gerald James Ernest.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. John, New Brighton; All Saints, Oyen and their clergy, The Rev. Catherine Holland.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. James, Layou with St. Mary, Buccament, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and their clergy, The Rev. Alric Skeritt.
- 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: Raju Paul, Jim Denis, Joan Brisbane, John Ink, Margot Brisbin, Chad McGregor, Aileen Shier, Pat McNamara, Peggy Peckover, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.
- We remember, in prayer, Marilyn and Keith Shaw on the recent death of Marilyn's brother Dan Smith.

**The Reverend Christine Conkin** is celebrating at St. George's, Calgary this morning.

**Flowers** are given this morning to the glory of God by:

- Bruce and Mary Westell in thanksgiving.

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Ernie and Audrey Rice. May God Bless you.**

**Angela Bane** is warden on duty today.

### **SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)**

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- **During Lent** the children will be making Stations of the Cross. We would appreciate donations of shoe boxes. We are asking for adults to sign up (sign-up sheets are in the narthex) to join the children in the making of the Stations. The 9:30 am Good Friday Family Service will include the Stations of the Cross for Children.

**Stephen Ministry:** Last week the trainees learned that the telephone can be an effective caring tool. They were able to describe differences between caring in person and caring over the telephone. Through role playing, they became aware of the special techniques involved in caring when speaking on the telephone. "Doing so is the next best thing to being there." Our trainees will be investigating resources available to those of us who reach out to others as **Stephen Ministers** or as members of the **Pastoral Care Group**. Our **Care Receivers** are constantly commenting on the wonderful ways in which their **Care Givers** support and encourage them. Please continue to pray for all those people who are involved in the Stephen Ministry program.

**“Box of Hope – Turn on the Tap” Lenten Outreach project.** For 884 million people, having no access to a safe water supply is a daily reality. Every year 1.4 million children die from diarrheal diseases – diseases transmitted through contaminated water and poor hygiene practices. Every day more than 3,800 children die from a diarrheal disease; that means one child dies every 20 seconds. Unsafe water sources that people are forced to use every day are killing thousands. Samaritan’s Purse Canada is attacking this travesty by installing [Bio Sand Water Filters](#) in homes throughout the developing world. These simple household water filters effectively remove up to 99 per cent of all water-borne pathogens, along with particulate matter. The result is water that is safe to drink, cook and clean with. These filters were developed here in Calgary. We, at St. Peter’s can **Turn on the Tap** to clean water for a family at an average worldwide cost of only \$100 per filter, providing a family with the filter, vital health and hygiene education and filter maintenance.

Please take a **Box of Hope** home and for the Lenten period, collect loose change, coffee money or whatever you want to donate and then bring the box back on [Easter Sunday April 8](#). Boxes can be found in the Narthex. Remember to add your name and envelope number on the box for your tax receipt. Cheques payable to “St. Peter’s Anglican Church” and reference Lent Project. For more information please contact Claire White, Peoples Warden 403-238-4408.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Theology and a Pint** – will resume in Easter.
- **The Chancel Guild** will be holding their annual pot-luck social, Monday, March 26 at 6:30 pm. Please let Sheila Leigh (403-281-1376) know if you are planning to attend.
- **Christian Meditation** on Mondays will be cancelled from Feb. 27 – April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Jesus at the Movies** – Mel Gibson’s ‘Passion of the Christ’ will begin at **7:00 pm sharp**.
- **‘Wanda’s Visit’**, a one act play will be performed at St. Peter’s at approx. 12:00 pm today, March 18<sup>th</sup> following a soup lunch. A free will offering will be taken. This play has been entered into The City of Calgary’s One Act Play Festival, March 21-23, 2012.
- **Fellowship Tea and Service** – Wednesday, March 21 at 2:00 pm. Everyone Welcome.

**ACW** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm. If you would like to help us prepare for the Fall Fair by doing some sewing, knitting, etc. or if you have craft ideas that you think we could use, please join us at the meeting.

**Adult mission opportunity in Mexico!** Construction help is needed to build an orphanage in Colima, Mexico in the last week of August. Please contact Aaron Havens ([403-860-8237](tel:403-860-8237)), or Cathy Bird at [cathryn.bird@gmail.com](mailto:cathryn.bird@gmail.com) for more information.

**St. Peter’s Youth** will be preparing and serving dinner prior to St. Peter’s Players performance of ‘A Little Piece of Heaven’ on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Adult volunteers are needed to assist the Youth with this dinner in both preparation and serving. If you would like to help, please call Aaron Havens at 403- 860-8237.

**St. Peter's Youth** are collecting bottles to raise funds for their Mexico trip. If you could help with upcoming bottle drives which will be planned for once a month (dates to be announced), please call Aaron at 403-860-8237. Also, any donations of bottles/cans, etc. can be left at the Church for the Youth marked "Youth Fundraiser."

**Volunteers (non-smokers)** are needed to help in the Nursery on Sundays during the 10 am service. If you are interested, please contact The Rev. Christine Conkin at 403-252-0393 or Anne Belanger at 403-251-6505.

**St. Peter's Players** will be performing 'A Little Piece of Heaven' from April 26-29 and May 3-5 with shows at 7:30 pm and 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. For tickets, please call Vera at 403-255-2406. Please note dinner will be served on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning with doors opening at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.

**KEN WHITELEY Gospel Singing Workshop and Concert.** Canadian Ken Whiteley, Grammy and Juno-nominated singer, is coming to Calgary for a unique combination of gospel workshop and concert Sunday, **March 25, 2012 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church.** The first part of his appearance is leading a **Gospel Workshop** beginning at **2:00 pm** until 4:00 pm, which is open to all individuals who are members of every type of choir or just fans of the style of music. Tickets for the Workshop are \$40, and includes the over two hours of instruction, a ticket to the concert plus a pass for a friend. Concert begins at **7:30 pm** Sunday **March 25, 2012.** Ken will perform some of his most beloved songs, ranging from folk, blues, and roots on guitar, slide guitar and piano and will later be joined by workshop participants in a roof-raising tribute to the gospel music genre. Tickets to attend the **concert only** are **\$15.** St. Stephen's is located at 1121-14<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W. Tickets are available from the Office at (403) 244-4879, our website [www.ststephenscalgary.org](http://www.ststephenscalgary.org) or at the door.

#### **Wardens**

Incumbent's Warden	Barry O'Flynn
People's Warden	Claire White
Assistant Incumbent's Warden	Angela Bane
Assistant People's Warden	Lynn McKeown

Lent

**Jesus at the Movies**

**Monday Nights beginning at 7:00 pm**

**Contemplative Evening Eucharist**

**Saturdays during Lent at 5 pm**

**Reflective Lenten Service**

**Wednesdays 7 pm**

***Sundays in Lent***

On Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we will be offering the laying on of hands and the anointing of oil in the Chapel during communion.

***Easter Services***

**Holy Week – April 2, 3, 4, 5 – 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday – 9:30 am and 11:00 am**

**Easter Sunday – 8 am and 10 am**

**-please note the changes for Easter Day from previous years**

To check out St. Peter's Website – [www.stpeterscalgary.ca](http://www.stpeterscalgary.ca) We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password peterswireless Phone 403-252-0393

