

Second Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2011

O loving Creator,

bring healing and hope to those who, at this time, grieve, suffer pain, or who have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

We remember those who have died and we pray for those who mourn for them.

May we all be aware of Your compassion, O God, which calms our troubled hearts and shelters our anxious souls.

May we pray with humility with our troubled and struggling brothers and sisters on earth.

May we dare to hope that through the generosity of the privileged, the destitute might glimpse hope, warmth and life again.

Through our Saviour Christ who lives with us, comforts us and soothes us. **Amen.**
of England

- Prayer from the Church

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Graham Goode

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

Lector: Des Bourke

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)

Celebrant: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Preacher: The Reverend Graham Goode

Lay Readers: Jeff Oneski and Lorraine Grant

Deacon: The Reverend Julianne Hendrickson

Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #482 Come and Journey with a Saviour

Lenten Invitation

Blessed are you, O Lord our God

In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance

that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once

more.

In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart.

You open our eyes to your presence in the world

and you free our hands to lead others to the splendour of your mercy.

Be with us in these journey days for without you we are lost.

To you be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen

Children's Talk – The Reverend Christine Conkin

Confession

Create in me a clean heart, O God

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again

and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit;

through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Meditative Choir Anthem

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun
 Which is my sin, though it were done
 before?
 Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run,
 And do run still, though still I do deplore?
 When thou hast done, thou has not done,
 For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin by which I won
 Others to sin and made my sin their door?
 Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
 A year or two, but wallowed in a score?
 When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
 For I have more.

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
 My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
 Swear by thyself that at my death Thy Son
 Shall shine as he shines now, and here to fore.
 And having done that, thou hast done,
 I fear no more.

(Silence)

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Collect of the Day

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. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1–4a

Clyde Elford

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. And was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament: Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

Betty Nadurak

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. 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.

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Gradual Hymn: #468 To Abraham and Sarah

Gospel: John 3:1–17

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

People: **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.”

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Graham Goode

Prayers of the People

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

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. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation... (celebrant continues)

... Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God... (celebrant continues)

... And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,... (celebrant continues)

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, Creator of all,

and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

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)

Creator of heaven and earth, **we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #347 The God of Abraham Praise

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Barry O'Flynn is warden on duty today.

Prayers:

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Kenya and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Julius Robert Katio Kalu and The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Dena.

- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St Hilda, Arthurvale; St. Columba, Delburne; St. David, Elnora; Holy Trinity, Pine Lake and their clergy The Rev. Joh McKay and St. Barnabas, Three Hills and their clergy, The Rev. James Enns and The Rev. Monica King.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Mary, Bequia with Holy Cross, Paget Farm: St. Michael Canouan; Mustique; St. Matthaïas, Union Island; St. Vincent and The Grenadines and their clergy The Ven. Charles Adams.
- 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: Margo Brisbin, Edith Lenko, David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

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

- Louise Clark in loving memory of Bob and Muriel Crowder who had many memories and friends at St. Peter's.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- Donations of travel sized toiletries are now being collected for our Senior Easter Baskets. There is a marked collection basket in the Narthex.
- **VBS** will be held August 15-19, 2011. Ages 3-11 are welcome. Panda Mania will be the theme this year. We are looking for volunteers to help out, especially for crafts, games, music and storytelling. Call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393 for more informatation.

Stephen Ministry: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering and discussing the subject of Confidentiality. In this presentation they will be learning the principles of confidentiality so that anyone who is ministered to, by a Stephen Minister, can be confident that any communication will be kept secret and private. Please pray for the Stephen Ministry program, as well as all the trainees and Leaders as they continue to learn more about caring for those experiencing changes and struggles in their lives.

PWRDF is taking donations designated for disaster relief in Japan. Donations for relief work will be forwarded to the Anglican Church of Japan and partner organizations such as Church World Service. PWRDF will work with the Anglican Church in Japan, the Anglican Alliance and ACT Alliance to monitor this situation in the coming days and process designated donations for Japan earthquake relief. Donations may be made in the following ways:

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On-line Go to [Canada Helps](#) and select Japan/Pacific Tsunami.

By Phone For credit card donations contact: Jennifer Brown

416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973 Please do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail Please make cheques payable to PWRDF, Japan/Pacific Tsunami and send to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund; The Anglican Church of Canada;
80 Hayden Street; Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

CHANCEL RENEWAL UPDATE: An Information Meeting will be held today, Sunday 20th March 2011 in Cormack Hall following the 10 am service. It will be an opportunity to meet our architect, Keesa Hutchinson, learn what progress has been made in finalizing the design, ask questions and provide your feedback. We look forward to seeing you there. Richard Bane, Chair, Chancel Renewal Task Force.

Upcoming Events:

- **“Food For Thought”**, Thursdays following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist. We are studying the book of Revelation.
- **Chancel Guild Change of Date:** The Chancel Guild Social date has been changed to Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 pm. Pam
- **ACW** – The next ACW meeting will be on March 21st at 7:15 pm. with guest speaker Sandy Orsten, on his experience in Burundi. Please bring your pennies for the *Fellowship of the Least Coin*. All are welcome.
- **First Friday Club** will be hosting a ‘Mini Horseshoe Toss (3” Washer Toss) at 7 pm on March 25th at St. Peter’s. All are welcome. Wine and cheese to follow. Please RSVP to Keith Shaw at 403-252-9238.
- **Homelessness / Inn From The Cold:** There will be a talk given by Lorraine Melchior from Christ Church on March 22 at 7 pm at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 5340 4th St. SW. We are hoping to assess the need for church participation in Inn From The Cold now that families with children are being housed in a downtown building. For more information please see Angela Bane.
- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, March 28th, 7pm, Limerick’s Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come hang out and talk about life and faith. For more information, contact Christine: christine@stpeterscalgary.ca
- **Mt. St. Francis Retreat in Cochrane - March 25-27, 2011, Friday to Sunday.** Anglican Retreat: Men & Women Led by Statia & Leon Demers, phone 403-242-1332 or email at leon-statia@shaw.ca for more information.

Our New Doors have yet to be stained and varnished. We are working in conjunction with the Chancel Renewal architect to match the finishes with our other renovations.

The Food Bank provides a birthday bag filled with a cake mix, icing, candles, etc. and a toy for each child under 12 who has a birthday when their parents come for help. If you have any new or used gift bags (approximately size 11 1/2 by 15 inches) you can donate please give them to Angela Bane, Barb Crawford or leave them in the Food Bank box in the Narthex. Thank you.

Emergency Crew Wanted – St. Peter's would like to compile a list of people who could be contacted in the case of an emergency. Examples: flooding, water leaks, emergency cleaning, disposal of unwanted good, etc. Please contact or talk to Glenn Werth at 403-259-6662.

Donations wanted for Unused Fabric Sale - We are looking for donations of **unused fabric 0.5 metre or longer, unless** quilting cotton or exceptional pieces; yarns, sewing notions; threads, knitting needles, beads, patterns, embellishments etc. **Donations may be dropped off at; Woodcliff United Church, 5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary Wed., April 6th & Thurs. April 7th, 10:00 am to 8:00pm. NO FRIDAY DROP OFF. For more information contact Joan 403-281-9390 brunswick@telus.net Carla 403 256 2828 Carla.lorring@live.ca. Fourth Annual Unused Fabric Sale Saturday April 9th 9:30 am to 2:00pm At Woodcliff United Church 5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary** All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

North to the Bay – Bishop Gary and Marie Woolsey will be leading a tour to Churchill, Manitoba November 1-7, 2011. Experience the north during polar bear season. For more information, contact Bishop Gary at 403-251-9569.



If anyone is interested in playing in a St. Peter's golf tournament on Saturday, September 10th at Turner Valley, please call Garth. The cost will be \$120.00 which includes golf, dinner (prime rib), green fee, cart, driving range and prizes. Please reply by the end of March as numbers have to be submitted to the golf course.

To check out St. Peter's Website – www.stpeterscalgary.ca

**We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password [peterswireless](http://stpeterswireless)
Phone 403-252-0393**

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

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| Monday | 7:00 pm | Christian Meditation |
| Tuesday | 7:30 pm | Prayer Group |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Beverly Care Centre |
| | 11:30 am | Hunger For Healing |
| | 3:00 pm | Christian Meditation |
| | 6:00 pm | Soup Supper |
| Thursday | 7:00 pm | Lenten Service |
| | 9:30 am | Chapel Service @ Food For Thought |
| | 7:00 pm | EFM |
| Friday | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| | 9:30 am | Yoga |
| | 7:00 pm | Youth Group |

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We would love to hear from you:

Priest-in-charge: The Reverend Helen Belcher; hbelcher@stpeterscalgary.ca

Associate Priest: The Reverend Christine Conkin; christine@stpeterscalgary.ca

New Wardens and Vestry 2011

Wardens are:

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| Rector's Warden | Raju Paul |
| People's Warden | Marg McKay |
| Rector's Deputy Warden | Barry O'Flynn |
| People's Deputy Warden | Claire White |

Vestry Members:

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| Facilities | Glenn Werth |
| Christian Education | Barbara Crawford |
| Fellowship | Diane Mockridge |
| | Sheila Leigh |
| Welcoming | Vera Apletree |
| Outreach | Barb Leinweber |
| Pastoral Care | Ann Bright |
| Worship | Deena Janzen |
| Treasurer | Grant Hanna |
| Secretary | Margaret Cull |

Please feel free to contact any warden or vestry member with any concern or information you may have.

Call the church office at 409-252-0393 and we will be happy to put you in contact with any one of the above.