

Third Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2011

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Reader: Wendy Both
 Lector: Rosemary Bishop
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Readers: David McKeown and Connie Kadey
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #621 Before the World Began

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

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

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 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.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Helen Belcher

Song: May the Peace of Christ Be With You (words on front of bulletin)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1–7

Doug Kyle

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 95

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New Testament: Romans 5:1–11

Carol Kyle

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if

while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

Gospel: John 4:5–42

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation

is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily – The Reverend Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

Spring of life and Source of goodness, **receive all we offer you this day, and bring us to the living water, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. 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)

God of our pilgrimage, **we have found the living water. Refresh and sustain us**

considering the subject of Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief. In this presentation they will be helped to realize that grief can be healthy and taught to recognize and help people through the various stages in the process of grieving.

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

Thank you for your participation in last Sunday's Chancel Renewal Update information meeting. For the next two weeks, we are collecting feedback. Please visit a listening station in the Cormack Hall following the 10 am service. . You may give feedback either verbally or in writing. Please be bold with contacting the wardens or chancel renewal members with your questions and concerns.

The Lent and Easter Newsletter is in your mailbox in the Narthex. Please pickup today as we will be mailing all those that are not picked up on Monday. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

- **“Food For Thought”**, Thursdays following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist. We are studying the book of Revelation.
- **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
- **Helping Hands for Japan: Bake Sale Fundraiser, April 3rd 8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., Christ Church.** Along with the children and youth from Christ Church, the youth group is accepting donations of bake goods to raise money for PWRDF's relief efforts in Japan. Please mark your prices and any allergy alerts on your goods and contact youth leader Aaron Havens at aaronhavens@hotmail.com or 403-860-8237 for drop-off time and location.
- **Pastoral Care Meeting** – March 29th, 10 am in the Fireside Room.
- **Calling all avid readers!** Please join us for an exciting book study, movie, discussion and meet the author on May 3, 11 and 17 at 7:00 PM in the upper hall. Muslim, Christian and Jew: Finding a Path to Peace our Faiths Can Share, by Calgary author Dr. David

Liepert, is an historical and current day examination of our inter-faith similarities and differences. Dr. Liepert calls on us, through meaningful dialogue, to work together in order to draw world attention to the fact that peace requires understanding, appreciation and respect for the common teachings of our faiths. His book is a great message of hope, and at times provocative, as he challenges us to explore the different “givens” of our faiths. Come and join us for what promises to be a lively, informative discussion!

May 3	Book discussion
May 11	Book discussion and film, “Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think”
May 17	Guest speaker, Dr. David Liepert

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.

Thank you to all of you who took home tablecloths following the Dinner Theatre to launder them. We are missing one round cloth. Please check your laundry basket.

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.

A new study of a Hunger for Healing “The Twelve Steps as a Classic Model for Christian Spiritual Growth” is starting on Wednesday, March 30th. Everyone is welcome. Meeting time is 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee provided. Place – St. Peter’s Anglican Church. Contact – Gwen Smith at 403-238-0105 or Avril at 403-252-0393.

"Dementia: Caregiving Resources and Supports" April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (703 Heritage Drive SW). 403-255-0001. Presented by Richard Alarie, M.A, R. Psych., Therapy Specialist, Community Geriatric Mental Health, Leanne Tombe, BSW, RSW from the South Central Primary Care Network, AB Health Services and Charlene Retzlaff, BSW, RSW from the Family Caregiver Centre. Enter off the east parking lot via the ramp entrance.

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.lorfin@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
Phone 403-252-0393**

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service @ Food For Thought
	6:00 pm	EFM
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	8 am	EFM
	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	9:00 am	EFM

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We would love to hear from you:

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