

**10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist**      **Lay Minister:** Cory Lunn

**Opening Hymn – Be Thou My Vision**

Gathering of the Community  
Trisagion

**Collect of the Day:** Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**The Proclamation of the Word:**

1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (Jon Muers)

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14 (Jacquie Muers)

**Gradual Hymn – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

**Gospel:** John 9: 1-41 (Bev DeVouge)

Homily – Cory Lunn

The Apostles Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

**Offering Hymn – The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**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**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of Bread #7

**Lamb of God**

**The Communion**

**Communion Hymn – Here is Bread**

**Ablution Hymn – Spirit of the Living God**

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

**Children's Hymn – One More Step**

**Closing Hymn – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

Dismissal

**Let There Be Love**

**Chancel Guild:** Prue Hansen, Diane MacLeod, Judy Rose, Joan MacDonald

**Greeters:** Bob & Carol Adams, Neil Harris, Robin Phillips

**Altar Flowers** are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Horace and Ella Hatfield, brothers Fred and Earl, sister Velma and her husband Jim Sutton and sister in law Sandra from Arnold Hatfield.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Tuesday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** – 12:15 p.m. Noontime Prayer (Chancel)  
6:30 p.m. Parish Council

**Wednesday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 6:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 7:00 p.m. Evensong & Lent Program (Chancel)

**Friday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. Meditation  
11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

**Next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

**Bookworms and Church Mice** will meet **TODAY** in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is [The Secret Life of Sunflowers](#) by Marta Molnar. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

[Covid precautions:](#) At its February meeting, your parish council decided to lift the ban on passing the offering plate. We are also removing the markings on the aisle floor. Masking is still something you may wish to do, but it is not required. Please use sensitivity to the needs of others when making that decision. Until at least spring, we will continue with a hands free gesture of peace and reception of the Eucharist by a drop of wine upon the wafer.

Our **mitten tree** is up for the season. We appreciate your donations of hand knitted or purchased mittens, hats and scarves for local schools.

On behalf of the Chancel Guild we wish to express our sincere thanks for all contributions received for our **"Baby Needs Drive"** for February. We also would like to thank Linda Pratt, Lynn Rawlinson and Carol Adams who are members of Chancel who offered to help with the project. This year we collected **130 lbs.** of food, clothing, diapers, etc. and the cutest little **mittens** that were knitted by one of our church members. A big thanks to you all! - Maria and Prue



**Lent Series:** Our Lenten series this year is called "Ask." From the intro: ***A lot of times, when people encounter a big question in their life of faith, it can feel isolating. Forbidden, even. Do-not-go-there territory. But what if faith requires us to ask questions? What if we need questions to survive and grow as a community of faith? You want to go there, don't you? You want to believe dialogue with God, relationship with God, requires questions. Well, guess what? You're in good company. "Ask" is a Lenten series for anyone who's ever had a question about their faith.*** There are three ways to be involved in "Ask."

1. Sign up for our **emailed daily devotions**. Every morning you will receive a short devotion with a question to ponder for the day straight to your in-box. Email Rev. Lori at [llramseyis@gmail.com](mailto:llramseyis@gmail.com) to sign up.
2. Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the chancel for weekday **Evening Prayer** with a discussion time. We'll ponder one of the big questions raised by the past Sunday's gospel each week. All are welcome.
3. Think about your faith questions and place them in our **Question Jar**. We'll attempt to answer one randomly drawn question every Sunday after the morning announcements. (Remember that some questions aren't meant to have answers!) Rev Lori will also spend ½ hour each Sunday after the worship for an informal time to talk about the questions raised for us during the week.

**Other Lenten Disciplines:** We still have **Lent 2.0 bags** to give away – one per household, please. These bags contain an object and a series of prompts and questions for each Sunday in the Lenten season. We hope they will help your Lenten reflections.

**Lent Madness:** Again this year, we will be sponsoring **Lent Madness** in the parish. This fun and simple Lenten Devotion pits saints against each other head-to-head in a race to see who will win the Golden Halo. You can sign up to have Lent Madness in your inbox each morning by going to [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and entering your email in the subscribe box. Then enjoy the learning each day and check out other parishioners' votes. Track our progress toward the Halo on the church Lent Madness poster. And have some holy fun!

**Sunday School:** Our next Sunday School session takes place **next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Food Table:** Your Pastoral Ministry Committee is experimenting with a food table at the monthly community dinners. This would be a free table from which people could choose food to take home with them. We plan to begin providing this table at the March Community Dinner, for which St. John's is responsible. We're asking if you could pick up some food when you grocery shop, drop it in the bin provided at the back of the church, and we'll take care of the rest. Some suggested items are: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you!

**EASTER LILIES/MEMORIALS:** Those wishing to place Easter lilies in the church or make a monetary memorial donation for Easter Sunday, please have your dedication in to the office (902-897-0566) by **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion in the bulletin. Easter lilies should be delivered to the church at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Looking Ahead** (mark your calendars):

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Spring Retreat at Whispering Spirits in Hodson – **NOTE CHANGE IN DATE!!!**

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – Palm Cross Making 6:00 p.m. (upper hall)

Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – 2:00 Indoor Way of the Cross (upper hall)  
11:30 a.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service  
10:00 a.m. Easter Eucharist

Once again we will hold a children's **Easter Egg hunt** at the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter day. Donations of wrapped eggs would be appreciated.

**Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief** – PWRDF is accepting donations in the usual ways to augment an initial \$34,000 grant to ACT (Action by Churches Together) workers on the ground in the affected zone. You can donate online at [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org), by calling 1-866-308-7973 (leave a message and they will return your call) or by mail at PWRDF 80 Hayden Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. If donating by cheque please indicate Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.



## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey



Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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