10:00 a.m. – BAS Holy Eucharist Lay Minister: Leona Hunt

Opening Hymn – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Gathering of the Community Trisagion

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word:

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (Tom Rudolph)

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11 (Jeff Hunt)

Gradual Hymn – On Eagle's Wings Gospel: John 1-45 (Leona Hunt)

Homily – Bev DeVouge The Apostles Creed The Prayers of the People Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Offering Hymn - O Spirit of the Living God

Prayer over the Gifts: Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living. **Amen**

Celebration of the Eucharist #1

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer (sung) Breaking of Bread #7

Lamb of God

The Communion

Communion Hymn - O Christ was a Good Guest

Ablution Hymn – When Jesus Wept

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

Children's Hymn – One More Step Closing Hymn – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Dismissal May the Lord

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 Sheila Munday, loving mother and grandmother, from Sara, David, Brett, Alyssa and William.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tuesday, Mar. 28th – 12:15 p.m. Noontime Prayer (Chancel)

7:00 p.m. Regional Council (Zoom)

Wednesday, Mar. 29th – 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, Mar. 30th - 7:00 p.m. Evensong & Lent Program (Chancel)

Friday, Mar. 31st – 10:00 a.m. Meditation

11:00 a.m. Lectionary Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Palm Cross Making (upper hall)

Next Sunday, April 3rd – Passion/Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS

Bookworms and Church Mice will meet next on **Sunday, April 30**th in the parlour after worship. The book for discussion is <u>The Beekeeper of Aleppo</u> by Christy Lefteri. All are welcome to read along and join us in the discussion.

<u>Covid precautions</u>: 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.

Sunday School is holding a session **TODAY.** Watch for our schedule of spring dates!



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 <u>emailed daily devotions</u>. 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 <u>llramseyis@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>Lent 2.0 bags</u> 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 <u>Lent Madness</u> 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 <u>www.lentmadness.org</u> 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!

Parish Survey: Thanks to all who participated in our Parish Survey over the last two weeks. The answers are being tabulated. Watch for the results.

Food Table: Our first Food Table event at the Community Dinner was a great success! We will continue to collect food for the folks who attend the dinners to take home with them. Please 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: peanut butter, pasta, granola bars, soup, beans, cereal, rice, fruit cups, toiletries, and sanitary supplies. Thank you from your Pastoral Ministry Committee!

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**th for inclusion in the bulletin. Easter lilies should be delivered to the church at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, April 8**th.

Looking Ahead (mark your calendars):

Sunday, April 30th – Sung Evening Prayer by our choir.

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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

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

Tuesday, April 4th – Holy Eucharist 12:00 noon

Wednesday, April 5th – Tenebrae 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 6^{th} – 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar (vigil until 9:00 p.m. followed by Compline night prayer)

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

Easter Sunday, April 9th – 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, by calling 1-866-308-7973 (leave a message and they will return your call) or by mail at PWRDF 80 Hayden Street 3rd Floor Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. If donating by cheque please indicate Syrian Earthquake in the memo field.



Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26th, 2023



Rector: Rev'd Lori Ramsey

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Wardens: Elaine MacInnis and Neil Harris

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