



Order of Service for March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



St. Paul's
Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace



**The Son Of Man Be Lifted Up,
So That Whoever Believes In Him
May Have Eternal Life**

John 3:14-15

The Gathering of the Community

Pre-service Music: The River (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the service)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 602 Lift High the Cross (screens)

Greeting: p. 230 (Book of Alternative Services - green book) (screens)

Collect for Purity: p. 230 (screens)

The Summary of the Law... p. 231 (screens)

Trisagion x3 p. 232 (screens)

Collect of the Day ... p. 288 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

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.

Genesis 12:1-4a

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalms 121 ... p. 882 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 180 Giver of the Perfect Gift (screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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, what 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."

John 3:1-17

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Homily

The Apostles' Creed ... p. 251 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution p. 238 (screens)

The Peace: p. 240 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP # 371 To God be the Glory (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts ... p. 289 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer B ... p. 243 (screens)

Proper Preface for Lent . . . p. 253 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer . . . p. 245 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread Lent p. 246 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion ... p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

As the Deer

Blessed are You Lord

Freely, Freely

Hymn After Communion: CP # 423 How Great Thou Art (screens)

Prayer after Communion ... p. 249 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: I Believe in Jesus (screens)

Sending (screen)

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***the Nippon Sei Ko Kai***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***the bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian Bay and Huronia Areas of the Eastern Synod***. In the Moravian Church we pray for ***the people and ministries of New Dawn Moravian Church in Toronto***. Together: ***For an end to human trafficking and modern slavery***.

In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. Barnabas, Three Hills and their clergy The Rev. Dr. James Enns, The Rev. David Smith and The Rev. Dcn. Dr. Megan Roberts***. We also pray for ***St. John the Divine, Acme and their Incumbent The Rev. Dcn. David Bull***.

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***St. Matthew, Biabou (bee-a-bou) with St. Sylvan, Stubbs and St. Mark, Greggs, on St. Vincent and their Incumbent The Ven. Junior Ballantyne***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families.

We pray for the special child our Parish sponsors through Children Believe. **Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Ari; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin; Obiageli Gloria.

For those grieving: the family of Marlene Wright. **We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together.

We pray for forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes. **We stand in** solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.