



**St. James**  
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## **First Sunday in Lent**

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# Welcome to this time of worship!

Thank you for joining St. James today. It is good that you are here! If you are visiting or looking for your spiritual home, please make yourself known to us. We welcome your presence with us.

Children are welcome here at St. James! Children can gather in 'The Prayer Ground' at the beginning of the service. If this is your first time here, please go with your child to meet the leader and inform them of any allergies or special needs. For those not wanting to leave their parents, the prayer-ground is available throughout the service.

An offering plate is located in the centre aisle of the sanctuary. If you wish to make a gratitude offering for the blessings from God in your life, simply place the offering on the plate before the time of the offertory hymn or e-transfer your donation at [saintjamesgiving@gmail.com](mailto:saintjamesgiving@gmail.com). Your gift will be used to support the varied ministries of St. James. Take a moment to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life today.



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The congregation responses are in **bold** type.

***Prelude** Andante in F*

*Wm. H. Harris*

**Welcome & Announcements**

## **Territorial Acknowledgement**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

One We gather on the territory traditionally inhabited by the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe nations acknowledged in the Dish with One Spoon wampum belt.

**All We commit ourselves to the work of truth and reconciliation with the Original Peoples of this land in a relationship of honour and mutual respect.**

## **OPENING HYMN CP 175** *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

### **The Gathering of the Community**

One We gather together, hungry and thirsty.  
Come, all who long to be filled with good things.

**All The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.**

One We open our hands to receive from God's son,  
our brother and friend.

**All The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.**

One We quiet our minds and awaken our hearts to be  
transformed by God's Spirit, who redeems us.

**All The bread of life has come to sustain us.  
Believing this promise, let us worship together! Amen.**

### **The Collect**

*The Priest will lead a prayer collecting together our thoughts for the day.*

One Compassionate and generous God,  
you desire that every person be fed in body, soul, and  
mind. To this end, you sent Jesus to gather us into your  
loving kin-dom,  
where there is enough for all and no one is turned away.  
As we look ahead to this season of Lent,  
we remember those who do not have the physical,  
emotional, spiritual, or intellectual sustenance they need.

Like Jesus, we will not be satisfied with systems and situations perpetuating hunger of any kind.

**All    May our hearts continue to be turned toward any who need help, and may our actions align with our prayers. We pray these things in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

**Reading**    *Please be seated*

*Deut 26:1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading** *Please be seated*

*Rom 10:8b-13*

But what does it say?

‘The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

One Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL HYMN CP 458** *Seek Ye First*

**The Gospel**

*Luke 4:1-13*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

One God be with you

All **and also with you.**

One The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Jesus Christ**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.” ’

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will

give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

One The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.

## Homily

*The Reverend Canon Leslie Gerlofs*

## Affirmation of Faith

All We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life.

Born to live among us,

suffering every human frailty, even unto death.

Empowered not to rule with force but by invitation;  
not with a sword, but by sacrifice.

Filled with compassion,

always caring about the physical needs of the people.

Rejecting earthly fortune, meeting daily needs,  
turning no one away.

Jesus turned bread lines into feasts,  
welcoming everyone to the table.

Jesus gave freely to all in need,  
even when they gave nothing in return.

We believe Jesus Christ is the bread of life. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*(standing, sitting or kneeling as is comfortable)*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the Priest begins.*

One In the midst of all the pushing and shoving among us,  
in the world and in the church,  
propelled by anxiety and acted as brutality,  
You, O God, have planted yourself in all your fidelity.  
You have placed yourself among us  
in steadfastness and abiding care  
present in the day, alert in the night,  
making us safe, and noticed, and cared for.

**All We confess that we don't always see or seek you out.  
We forget your promise of abiding love,  
and wholeness of life.  
Forgive us O God, and help us remember...  
that if we fail to see or seek you out,  
you see and seek us out,  
that you promise us abiding love, and wholeness of life.**

**So evidence your fidelity as to curb our anxiety,  
as to restrain our brutality,  
as to overcome our alienation.**

**By your fidelity, renew us, renew the church,  
renew the city, renew the world.**

**Give us the safety to love you fully,  
to love neighbour well,  
to be made whole, in glad obedience.**

One God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In +Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

*Adapted from a prayer by Walter Brueggemann 'Awed to Heaven,  
Rooted in Earth'. p. 118*

## The Peace

One The peace of Christ be with you all.

All **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY HYMN CP 179** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*  
(v. 1-5, 6b)

## Prayer over the Gifts

One Generous God,  
we give because you have satisfied our needs with the  
bread of life.

Use these fruits of our labour and inheritance  
to bless our community with love. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

One God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up to God.**

One Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

One Praise and thanksgiving belong to you, God of every  
blessing, for you shaped all creation  
to grow into your abundant and eternal harvest.

You called a holy people to share life with you,  
and when they were captive in Egypt,  
with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
you brought them out of oppression,  
through the temptations of the wilderness,  
into a land flowing with milk and honey.

In time your Son came among us,  
facing wilderness and temptation and hunger  
to bring us out of bondage to sin  
and to taste and see that you, the Lord, are good.  
And so we thank you with angels and archangels,  
and all the company of heaven,  
as we join the unending hymn.



**All**     **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**One**     God of mercy, you gave your people manna day by day  
during their time of testing;  
and because no one can live by bread alone,  
you gave Jesus to be our bread from heaven.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon your church to live as a sign  
of the way you transform this manna into mercy for all.  
With your Spirit, bless this bread and this cup,  
that they may be for us the body and the blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,  
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them,  
saying,  
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup.  
Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples,  
saying  
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All**     **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**One**     Faithful God, whose Son did not escape suffering and  
death but accepted and finally overcame them,  
bring your disciples by the way of his cross to the joy of  
Easter.  
Strengthen your church to resist evil of every kind  
and turn from sin.

With your mighty hand and outstretched arm,  
uphold those enduring trials and any who know their very  
life is at stake. Be with your children who are heavy laden,  
and all who labour beneath the misuse of power by  
another. Amid temptations to be successful,  
shape your children first to be faithful to your kingdom,  
until the day when in your resurrected glory there is one  
life, one sharing, one holy communion among all saints  
with you to whom all glory belongs forever,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

One Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us as we  
sing:

**All Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to the Table**

One Siblings in Christ, the table is set for you.  
God so loved the whole world that God sent Jesus to feed  
us all. God freely gives us love and life  
so we might freely give love and life to others.  
If you are hungry, tired, weary, or worn,  
there is space for you here.  
Come, the bread of life and the cup of blessing await you.

*All are welcome at God's table.  
If you require gluten-free wafers please indicate  
to your server.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN CP 628**

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

***Ablutions Anthem: Ave Verum***

*Edward Elgar*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*(Standing as we are able)*

**One** Holy God, here at this table, we have encountered Jesus' Spirit, bringing us wholeness so we might be satisfied by the bread of life.

Because Jesus faced death and emerged victorious, this bread does not spoil; this cup never runs dry.

**All** **As we leave this place of worship,  
our spirits are renewed and rejuvenated.  
There is enough for each of us.  
Therefore, we will share this joy and love with others.  
Amen.**

## **Blessing**

**One** Go now into the world  
brimming with love for God and others.  
May you share the bread of life,  
offering not only what sustains the body  
but what nourishes the soul.  
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,  
extending compassion to the weary,  
hope to the despairing,  
and bread to the hungry.  
As you go, may the love of God enfold you,  
the peace of Christ guide you,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN CP 513** *Guide My Feet*

**Dismissal**

One Go in peace. Live in hope.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *Praeludium in c minor, BWV 546* Johann S. Bach

***Cycle of Prayer***

**ACC** *The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island*

**ELCIC** *The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod*

**MOR** *The people and ministries of Christ Moravian Church in Calgary. In the Diocese: All Saints, Ridgeway,*

**In the Parish:** *Stephen Gentles, Erin Kennedy, Rowan Gentles and Andrew Gentles.*

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