

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2020

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children; and walk in love!  
O come, let us worship!*

## **8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:**

✠ Psalm 52 | Genesis 33:1-17 | Hebrews 12:18-end

## **9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

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The Homily  
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy  
C: Hear our prayer  
The Consecration: *page 82*  
Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*

**9:45 a.m. – Sunday School: Parish Hall**  
**– Time with Fr. Stockall**

## **10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist**

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** **545** (Horsley)  
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The Collect: *page 145*  
The Collect for Ash Wednesday: *page 138*  
The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 33:1-11  
♪ **SALVATOR MUNDI:** *please see the bulletin insert*  
The Epistle: *page 145*  
♪ **GRADUAL HYMN:** **812** verse 6 (Deirdre)  
The Holy Gospel: *page 146*  
The Creed: *page 71*  
The Homily  
♪ **OFFERTORY HYMN:** **490** (St. Peter)  
The Prayers of the People: L: Lord, in your mercy  
C: Hear our prayer  
The Consecration: *page 82*  
♪ **HYMN DURING COMMUNION:** **231** (Adoro Te)  
Post Communion Prayer: *page 85*  
♪ **RECESSIONAL HYMN:** **406** (Cwm Rhonda RB 269)

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*Please join us in the Parish Hall  
following the 10:30 Celebration for  
Coffee and Conversation.*

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**MARCH 18: ST. PATRICK**, Missionary & Bishop

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, *Paradise Villa*

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 19: ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

*Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church*

**MARCH 20: ST. CUTHBERT**, Missionary, Bishop of Lindisfarne

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

**MARCH 21: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

**MARCH 22: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT:  
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all Ages!

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

*Followed by Coffee & Conversation in the Parish Hall*

4:00 p.m. – Choral Evensong,

Christ Church (Parish) Church



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) Peoples. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik), Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Wolastoqiyik) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.



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Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage. When you go to church you are really listening-in to the secret wireless from our friends: that is why the enemy is so anxious to prevent us from going. He does it by playing on our conceit and laziness and intellectual snobbery.

*C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*

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### **PRIEST AND RECTOR**

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## Parish Notices and Updates

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**PLEASE NOTE AND SHARE: The Parish Breakfast that was scheduled for next Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> has been cancelled. We hope to re-schedule it at a later date.**

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH CORPORATION** (Wardens and Vestry) are reminded that the next meeting is scheduled for today starting at 12:15 p.m. Those who are unable to attend are asked to convey their regrets either to the Rector or the Vestry Clerk.

**WE ALSO WISH TO INFORM EVERYONE** that our **Lenten Faith and Film** series is being suspended. We hope to resume the series once COVID-19 matters have been resolved.

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After Calvary, God has the right to be trusted; to be believed that He means what He says; and that His love is dependable.

A.J. Gossip (1873-1954), *In the Secret Place of the Most High*

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**PLEASE NOTE** as well that this week's meeting of **Pint of View** has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date.

**ST. MARY'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** is held each **Friday**, at 10:00 a.m. at the Rectory. We're looking at the Gospel according to St. Luke. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; and if your schedule only permits you to attend occasionally, please plan to join us when you can.

**PLEASE JOIN US EACH FRIDAY** in Lent, at 7:00 p.m. for the **Stations of the Cross**, which is a quiet reflective service in which we journey through Christ's steps on the road to the Cross. This brief service is an excellent and hopeful mediation on what Christ was accomplishing on our behalf by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection.

**THE CHOIRS OF HOLY TRINITY, NEW MARYLAND, CHRIST CHURCH (PARISH CHURCH), ST. PETER'S, AND ST. MARY'S** are combining for a Service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Church. Everyone is invited. Choral Evensong is one of the great spiritual gems of the Anglican tradition: a beautiful blending of Scripture, music, and prayer that brings our day to a quiet and graceful close. Light refreshments will be offered following the Service.

**THE ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT** to *Strike out Child Hunger in NB*, organised by our friends at All Saints' Anglican Church in Marysville, is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. St. Mary's is entering two teams this year, and we're asking for your

financial support as sponsors. Please help make this important project as successful as possible as we work to help feed the young people of our community.

**SAFE CHURCH GROUP TRAINING SESSION:** The Diocese of Fredericton implemented the Safe Church policy in October of 2016. Under the policy, personnel in various leadership positions are required to undergo training on the policy as well as have police and vulnerable sector checks conducted each year. Additionally, the Diocese encourages all members of our faith to make themselves aware of the policy. Consequently, we will be conducting a training session on the Safe Church policy in St. Mary's church hall on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Those who are interested in attending the session are requested to sign the sheet in the hall entrance.

*Safe Church - To promote the mission of the church by providing a safe and effective working, learning and spiritual environment.*

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The wives of the fishermen were going in procession to make a tour of the ships, carrying candles and singing what must certainly have been very ancient hymns of a heart-rending sadness. Nothing can give any idea of it. I have never heard anything so poignant, unless it were the song of the boatmen on the Volga. There the conviction was suddenly borne in upon me that Christianity is pre-eminently the religion of slaves, that slaves cannot help belonging to it, and I among others.

Simone Weil (1909-1943), *Waiting on God*

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**THOSE OF YOU WHO HAD A CHANCE TO MEET** the members of the refugee family from Liberia who were sponsored by the Anglican Parishes of the Archdeaconry of Fredericton in 2016 and 2017, especially when they worshipped with us here at St. Mary's, will be saddened to know that Catherine Gmah, the daughter of Philip Weah and Esther Gmah, died this past Thursday following a long period of illness. Catherine, who turned 20 in January, was the beneficiary of a liver transplant a couple of years ago following a battle with cancer; but her death this week resulted from her body's rejection of the transplant. Many celebrated with Catherine when she was baptised at Christ Church (Parish Church) in 2017. The Funeral has been scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 a.m. at the Parish Church. Please keep Esther and Philip in your prayers, as well Catherine's friends and the members of the refugee support committee who worked so hard to help the family settle in their new home.

*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her. Amen. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

## *From the Rector* \_\_\_\_\_

What's the difference between notes and noise?

In the realm of music that's an inherently subjective matter. The piece of music that moves my soul and brings tears to my eyes may seem to you to be nothing more than an unpleasant screeching cacophony. And the same might be true to me for something that you love to listen to.

One of the great challenges that we are facing as a society right now is the ability to distinguish between the notes of reason and prudence and the screeching noise of panic and fear. COVID-19 is rightly part of most every newscast and conversation; it represents a genuine threat to our individual, social, and economic health. And, in the face of this threat, we need to examine our personal and organisational lives to ensure that we're taking all the appropriate steps to contain the spread of the virus as much as possible; and to ensure that we're not increasing the risk of spreading the illness to others and especially to those whose health is already compromised. There is, in my opinion, no place for apathy or disinterest; to choose that path would be deeply selfish.

What we definitely don't need right now is panic. We see some evidence of that in the rush to hoard; to irrationally gather to ourselves more than we humanly need; to fearfully shelter ourselves from the darkness which we think is about to envelope us. Besides the practical wrong that hoarding represents, it is also fundamentally sinful. When I hoard something I do it not just to ensure that I have what I think I need (and likely much more than I genuinely need); I also attempt to prevent others from having what they may need by choosing to take more than I need to. The Gospel teaches us very clearly that living to ourselves is not life; it's a slow form of death.

But other kinds of fear are equally destructive because fear blinds us to the trust that we ought to have in all matters in Jesus Christ. If the Incarnation of God in human flesh that we celebrate at Christmas and the new life which God gives to his resurrected Son that we celebrate at Easter are to have any meaning it has to be in the hope that we're given in every moment of our lives, including those times of challenge and threat and fear.

We have a huge responsibility as the Church not to join in the rush to fear and panic even as we prudently undertake adjustments to our personal and corporate lives to minimise the risk. This is the time for calm and compassion; and those of us who hope in Christ are best positioned to speak and behave in ways that calm the fear and panic that we see around us.

To that end, I have several things to announce.

First, ***I have decided to cancel the Parish Breakfast*** which was scheduled for next Sunday. It's an important event in our parish life and on that I much

value, but it's also something that can be rescheduled at a later time once the threat has passed – as it most certainly will!

Secondly, I have also decided ***to respect the Bishop's wish that the Common Cup be withdrawn for a time***; and that, starting this weekend, the sacrament of Holy Communion will be administered to the congregation in one kind only – the consecrated bread.

There is much in the history of the Church's insistence that Holy Communion should be administered to all people in both of the forms used and mandated by Christ at the Last Supper; and the Anglican Church was part of that struggle centuries ago to restore the administration of the consecrated wine to lay people following the practices of the Middle Ages. But, as a temporary measure, if only to relieve the minds of the faithful, we will for the time being administer Holy Communion in the form of consecrated bread only, as is our custom when people receive communion in hospital. As the Bishop mentions in his directive, there is no evidence that the Common Cup is a means of transmission for viruses, and lots of evidence that says that it's not, but there is a long-standing theological tradition, going back to the practices of the early Church, that teaches us that the full reality of Christ's sacramental presence is given in each element, so those receiving just one element receive the full benefit of Christ's Body and Blood.

Thirdly, I've also made the decision ***to greet you following the service without shaking hands***. That's one of the many recommendations issued this past week by Dr. Jennifer Russell, New Brunswick's chief medical officer and it is a simple adjustment to our usual custom.

Finally, we would all do well to remember what our mothers likely taught us when we were small children: there is no substitute for washing our hands with soap and warm water. It's always been good practice; even more so now!

There is inevitably a fine line between reacting and over-reacting; and I suspect that some of these temporary changes will seem unnecessary when there are no reported cases in our community. But, rather than waiting until it arrives before initiating steps, I hope that you will agree with me that these are small adjustments that will hopefully allow us to prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19 once it's known to be here.

I echo the bishop's call for prayer. I also repeat my earlier comments about fear. There need be no fear for those who live in Christ. This is a time for us to witness to our hope. I ask for your help as we live out that Gospel hope as a Parish and as members of this community.

*Trust in the LORD and do good; so you will dwell in the land,  
and enjoy security.*

*Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of  
your heart.*

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## **A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS CONCERNING COVID-19**

March 10, 2020

I am sure we are all aware of the news coverage during the last few weeks of the COVID-19 (Corona) virus, as it has spread across the world. We need to remember the situation in our prayers, and to that end, I have prepared a prayer which might be used in our personal devotions and during times of collective worship. Please see the prayer below.

During the H1N1 flu outbreak of 2009, a **Bishop's Directive (3.4), Administration of Holy Communion**, was issued and has remained in place since then. As I understand it at present, there is no need to revise that material. Should we be advised of changes being necessary, further information will be made available.

I want to re-iterate that by receiving Holy Communion in one kind means that we have made Communion and that option is available to us all should we feel it necessary (notwithstanding **Article XXX of the Articles of Religion, pp 710 Book of Common Prayer**).

Bishop's Directive 3.4 does not give direction on the Passing of the Peace. My best advice is that as some are concerned, it should be passed verbally. There may be those who wish to give and receive in the traditional manner. That can be done with the agreement of both parties.

At Synod Office, we are carefully monitoring the advice coming from both the federal and provincial governments about this issue. Should it become evident that changes to Bishop's Directive 3.4 are necessary, further notice will be given.

At such times as this, we all react in different ways to the prospect of a virus like COVID-19 affecting us, our families and friends. None of these can be seen as "right" or "wrong." They are what they are. As your bishop, I ask that you, along with me, keep this matter in prayer. Additionally, should you show symptoms or if you have existing conditions that make you vulnerable, please follow the advice given by government agencies. In our communities, cities, towns and villages we have a duty of care. Currently (Tuesday, March 10th), there have been no reports of infection in our province, but that could easily change. Please be aware of others who may be infected and offer them assistance as you are able, and in ways that are safe. Please pray for me as I pray for you.

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