

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Processional Hymn: HB #393 .....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**THE GREETING — Please Stand As You’re Able**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**All: His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,  
**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant: Dear Friends in Christ, as we prepare for the Paschal Feast, continuing in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers, let us make ready our hearts to renew the covenant of our baptism.

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us ask God to bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and to disclose to us the secret purposes of our hearts. And most especially, let us remember the covenant of our baptism and test our hearts and conscience to know how faithfully we have striven for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**All: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one**

**God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Prayer for the children as they go to Sunday School*

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (*see insert for readings*)**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

A reading from Numbers

**THE PSALM**

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**THE SECOND LESSON**

A reading from Ephesians

**THE GRADUAL:** HB #345..... King of Glory, King of Peace

**THE GOSPEL — Please Stand As You’re Able**

**SERMON**

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*Litany 14*)**

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

**THE PEACE — Please Stand As You’re Able**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: HB #519 ..... The Lord's My Shepherd

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

**All: God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

**THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (#4)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, “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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,  
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: We break this bread,  
All: **Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**  
Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.  
All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him**

THE COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD (Sung)

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.**  
**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace.**

*\*\* If you do not wish to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing \*\**

Communion Hymns: HB #85..... Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless  
HB #56 ..... I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Please Stand As You’re Able

All: **God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

All: **Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon us now and forever more. **Amen.**

PARISH NEWS

Recessional Hymn: HB #354 ..... Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*~ Please stay for refreshments and fellowship following our service. ~*

WE PRAY THIS WEEK

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer**  
The Episcopal Church

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**  
The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President



The flowers in the church today are in loving memory of  
Kevin LeMoine ~ Husband, Dad, and Poppa.  
Given by Marie and the LeMoine family.



**LEGACY GIVING AT ST. MARGARET’S**

**Estate Planning**

Please consider including St Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church Barrie when you are making changes in your estate plans.

Contact the Rev Canon Simon, in confidence.

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**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*Sunday March 10th, 2024*

8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Eucharist

**INCUMBENT** The Rev. Canon Simon Bell  
**ASSOCIATE PRIEST** The Rev. Susan Snelling

**COMMUNITY MINISTER** Dr. Amy Pauley  
**HONOURARY ASSISTANT** The Very Rev. Alex Hewitt

**HONOURARY ASSISTANT** The Rev. Lt. (Naval) Christian Pichette  
**LAY ASSOCIATE—MISSIONAL** Beth Steffler

ASSISTING TODAY

**Celebrant:** Rev. Christian  
**Preacher:** Father Simon  
**1st Lesson:** Maggie Prentice  
**Psalm:** Jane Salmon  
**2nd Lesson:** Jim Blogg  
**Gospel:** Beth Steffler  
**Intercessions:** Margaret Paradis  
**Bread:** Father Simon & Rev. Christian  
**Chalice:** Norm Savill & Pat Broomes

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from Numbers [21:4-9]

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Leader: Hear What the Spirit is Saying to the Church

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

THE SECOND LESSON

A reading from Ephesians [2:1-10]

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the

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THE GOSPEL

Priest:     The Lord be with you.

All:           **And also with you.**

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

All:           **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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