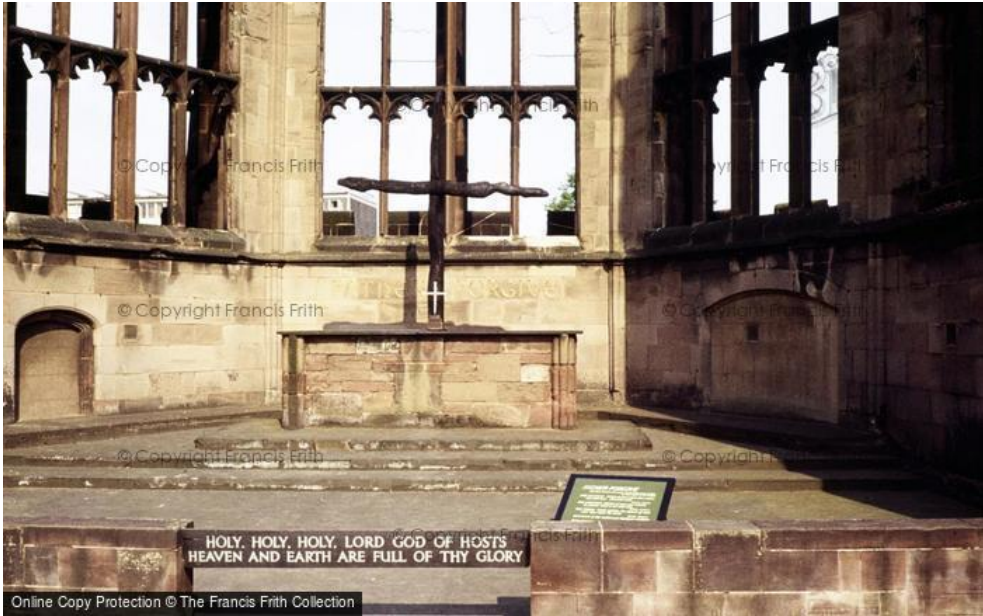




the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle



Second Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024

Cover Image

Altar of Reconciliation in the ruins of the old cathedral at Coventry, England.

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
For the readings, please see the 10.30 am. service.

Collects – BCP pages 143 & 138.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Abraham Thomas

Choral Eucharist at 10.30 am

The service is from the *Book of Alternative Services*, beginning on page 185.

Celebrant	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Preacher	The Reverend Abraham Thomas
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Communion Ministers	Paul Faulkner, Paul Mitchell
Director of Music	Robin Davis
Mass Setting	<i>Missa Luba</i> (Mass in the Congolese Style)

ARR. FR GUIDO HAAZEN



Children going to Church School will gather at the font during the first hymn.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein BWV 641*
[When we are in the greatest need]

J.S. BACH

Hymn 431 *Take Up Your Cross*

BRESLAU

Greeting & Collect for Purity

<i>Celebrant</i>	Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
<i>All</i>	And also with you.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Decalogue

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said, If you love me, keep my commandments;
happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it.
Hear then these commandments which God has given to his people
and take them to heart.
I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.
God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.
You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.
Christ is risen from the dead; set your minds on things that are above,
not on things that are on earth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honour your father and your mother.
Live as servants of God; honour one another; love the fellowship.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Thou shall not commit murder.
Be reconciled to your neighbour; overcome evil; with good.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.
Know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.
Be honest in all that you do and for one another.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness.
Let everyone speak the truth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus:
it is more blessed to give than to receive.
Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Kyrie *Missa Luba. Sung by the Choir*
Percussionists – John White & Sophia Grigoriadis

Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Christe. Kyrie, Eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16*

Read by Mary Martin

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will

bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22.23-31 *Deus, Deus meus. All are invited to sing the Psalm.*



Cantor ²³ O PRAISE the Lord, ye that **fear** him: /

magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and stand in awe of him, all ye **seed** of Is^{ra}el.

All ²⁴ For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the **poor**; /

he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto **him** he heard[^]him.

Cantor ²⁵ Of thee cometh my praise in the great conger-**ga**-tion; /

my vows will I perform in the sight of **them** that fear[^]him.

All ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfi^{ed}; they that seek after the Lord shall **praise** him; /
may your heart live for ev^{er}.

Cantor ²⁷ All the ends of the world shall remember, and be turned unto the **Lord**; /

and all the kindreds of the nations shall wor-**ship** be-fore[^]him.

All ²⁸ For the kingdom is the **Lord's** /

and he is the Governor a-**mong** the na^{tions}.

Cantor ²⁹ Surely to him shall all the proud of the earth bow **down**; /

and before him shall kneel all that go down into the dust, and he that cannot **keep** his soul^a-live.

All ³⁰ Their posterity shall **serve** him; /

it shall be told of the Lord unto a generation **yet** to come.

Cantor ³¹ They shall declare his **righ**-teous^{ness} /

unto a people that shall be born, that **he** hath done[^]it.

Epistle Romans 4.13-25

Read by Glenna Sims-Bonk

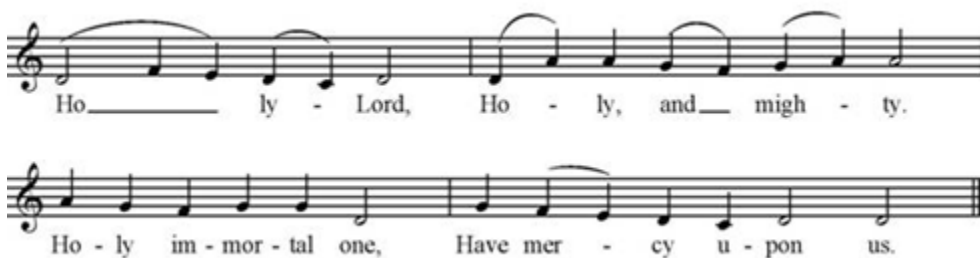
Reader A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Trisagion



The Holy Gospel Mark 8.31-38

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

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

Gospeller Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All **We believe in one God, the Father,
the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Led by Peggy Needham

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and the world.

At the end of the prayers the Celebrant says:

In a moment of silence we remember those on our hearts this day. *Silence is kept.*

The Celebrant concludes:

Grant these our prayers O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Hymn at the Offertory 466 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

REPTON

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God receive all we offer this day, and help us to take up our cross
and follow Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

(Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

Choir Sanctus, dominus deus sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra, gloria tua.
Hosanna, hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.
On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,
“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, 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.”
In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us, that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Said by 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.**

Agnus Dei Missa Luba – Sung by the Choir

Choir Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

The Communion

- Please follow the directions given by the sides-people as you come forward for Holy Communion which is at a both standing station and at the high altar. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. Fold your hands over your chest to indicate this to the administering priest.
- You may choose to receive the bread only where the fullness of the sacrament is present. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, simply receive the bread and return to your seat. You may also touch the base of the chalice while the words of administration are said.
- Intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice of wine) is not permitted in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

Communion Hymn 66 And Now, O Father, Mindful of Thy Love UNDE ET MEMORES

Motet *By and By* **BOB CHILCOTT**
Tenor Solo: Ian Speck

Refrain:

O by and by, by and by, I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.

I know my robe's gonna fit me well, I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.

I've tried it on at the gates of hell. I'm gonna lay down my heavy load. [Refrain]

Hell is deep and a dark despair, I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.

Stop, poor sinner and don't go there. I'm gonna lay down my heavy load. [Refrain]

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant Creator of heaven and earth,
we thank you for these holy mysteries,
which bring us now a share in the life to come.
By your grace, keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 602 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

Dismissal

Leader Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit,
serve the world God loves.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fugue in g*

J.S. BACH

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Freedom Sunday – Pray for an end to slavery and human trafficking.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *The Parish of Lloydtown*, its support of the King Township food bank, Christmas in King community initiative, and Schomberg Country Run supporting the Pikangikum water project; *the Church of the Messiah*, its community garden and hosting of the Avenue Road Food Bank; *the Parish of Minden-Kinmount*, its Thrift Shop, and the outreach initiatives it supports.

Parish Cycle Stephanie Liddle, Alan Macdonald, Lynn Macintosh, Sandy Macmillan
Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Barbara & Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

Parish Announcements

Coffee Hour | We hope you will join us for coffee hour which is in the Parish Hall immediately after the service. If you would like to help with this important ministry of hospitality please speak with Fran Brown or Laurie Sanderson.


Lenten Study Series | Join us on Sundays after the 10.30 am service for a light lunch and discussion of the Sunday readings and sermon.

Dates: February 18, 25, March 3, March 17

We invite you to sign up to provide lunch on one of the days.

Vestry Meeting | Sunday, March 10th at 12.00 noon. Vestry Reports are due to the office. Information about the Social Justice Motion is available at the back of the Church and on-line. The full Vestry Report will be available on March 3rd.


World Day of Prayer | **Saturday March 2nd** is being held at St. Andrew's Church 117 Bloor Street. This year celebrates the women of Palestine who have written an historical and concerned service asking for prayers for their continued work in Health and Education with the women and children of Palestine. All are invited to attend March 2 at 11 am. A light lunch will follow.

**World Day of Prayer**
Journée mondiale de la prière **2024**

**"I Beg You...
Bear With One
Another in Love"**

Ephesians 4:1-3

Artwork by Halima Aziz



**« Je vous en
prisupportez-vous
les uns les autres
avec amour »**

Éphésiens 4, 1-3

œuvre par Halima Aziz

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Saturday March 2, 2024.	11:00 am
Day, Time/la date, l'heure	

St. Andrew's United Church	117 Bloor Street
Location/l'endroit	

A Thank you Letter from Codrington College for the Caribbean Night Fundraiser



Codrington College

30th January 2024

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Rector
The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle
525 Bloor Street East
Toronto
Ontario

Greetings Canon Sangwine

I write to acknowledge receipt and to express my sincere thanks on behalf of the Staff and Students of Codrington College for your generous donation towards the College.

Please express our gratitude to the congregation at The Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle for having us in their thoughts and prayers and be assured that we would keep your congregation in our prayers.

We wish you and the congregation all God's blessings and prosperity necessary for your continual success in ministry.

Once again, I say thank you and may God's face continually shine upon you and your congregation.

Yours sincerely in Christ

Rev. Canon Dr. Michael A. Clarke
Principal

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We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God,
we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples
including the Mississaugas of the New Credit,
the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein."

Psalms 24.1.

