



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

## **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 30, 2025

### **Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am**

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Collects & Readings See 10.30 am service.

Celebrant & Preacher The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

### **Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am**

Children going to Church School are invited to gather by the font.

Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the Church.

Celebrant	The Reverend Abraham Thomas
Preacher	The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
Assisting	The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Servers	Fen Nanton, Keira van 't Hof, Gary Toneguzzo, Celine Wong
Communion Minister	Paul Faulkner, Vincent Wong
Interim Director of Music	Daniel Webb
Mass Setting	John Merbecke

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## **The Gathering and Penitential Rite**

**Prelude** *Prelude in G*

HENRY PURCELL

### **Greeting**

*Celebrant* Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with be with you all.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

**Hymn 7** *New Every Morning Is the Love*

MELCOMBE

### **Collect for Purity**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession & Absolution

*Celebrant* If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 8, 9.*

*Celebrant* Cast your burden upon the Lord.

*All* **And He will sustain you.**

*Celebrant* Create in me a clean heart, O God,

*All* **And renew a right spirit within me.**

*Celebrant* Cast me not way from your presence.

*All* **And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

*Celebrant* Give me the joy of your saving help again.

*All* **And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the Lord, day by day,

*All* **The God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.**

*Celebrant* Let us in penitence and faith, humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*All* **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people:  
we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from  
time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed,  
against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for  
these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Kyrie Eleison

MERBECKE – CP 678

*All* **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, Have mercy upon us.  
Lord, Have mercy upon us.**

*The Absolution is pronounced.*

## Collects

*Celebrant* Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who are burdened by the weight of  
our sins, may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of thy grace; through our Lord  
and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost  
forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and  
contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our



10. *Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no under-**stand**-ing: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they **fall** ü-pon thee.*
11. Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
12. *Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in **the** Lord: and be joyful, all ye **that** äre true<sup>o</sup> of heart.*

**Epistle 2 Corinthians 5.16-21**

Read by Ted Robinson

*Reader* A reading from the Second Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation - Hymn Book 716**

Sentence:

“I will get up and go to my father and shall say to him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.”

**The Holy Gospel Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32**

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

*All* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, ‘This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place

throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

*Gospeller* The Gospel of Christ.

*All* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **Homily**

**Nicene Creed** – *Said together*

*Celebrant* I believe in one God,

*All* **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He**

suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again, according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

Led by Glenna Simms-Bonk

*Leader* With confidence and trust let us pray saying “Lord, graciously hear us”.

*Leader* For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world: for Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops in this diocese, for Anne our Metropolitan and acting Primate, and for Chris the National Indigenous Archbishop; that they may be guided by the Spirit. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For the mission of the Church: today in the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Province of the Congo; and for this Season of Spiritual Renewal; that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For peace in the world: especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Israel and all troubled areas and places of conflict; that justice and mercy will prevail. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For our country: especially at this time of tension with our neighbours; for candidates running in the coming federal election; for all who lead and all who serve the common good, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer in mind body or spirit: for those who have asked for our prayers, *especially NN*, that they may be relieved and protected. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For those who have died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to God alone, *especially NN*, that they share in the joy of life eternal. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* For all whom we have injured or offended, for grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you. Lord hear us.

*All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*Leader* In a moment of silence we offer other prayers, petitions and thanksgivings.

*Celebrant* Grant these our prayers, O Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*We invite you to share a sign of Christ's peace with those near you.*

## **Celebration of the Eucharist**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant* I beseech you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, that you present your Bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Romans 12. 1.*

### **Hymn** *Sweet Sacrament Divine*

DIVINE MYSTERIES

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home;  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
In Songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine. Sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home of every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease,  
And sorrows all depart.  
There in thine ear, all trustfully,  
We tell our tale of misery,  
Sweet Sacrament of peace. Sweet Sacrament of peace.

Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blest  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest. Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light And jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
The Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine. Sweet Sacrament divine.

*New English Hymnal #307*  
Text: Francis Stanfield 1835-1914

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

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

### **Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*All* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

*The Celebrant continues with the proper preface, then all sing:*

*All* **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,** Hymn Book # 682-683  
**heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**  
**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full

and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer – Sung by all**

Hymn Book #684

*Celebrant* And now as our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,  
we are bold to pray, Our Father,

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*All* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

Hymn Book #685

*All*     **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.**

### Holy Communion

- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine, at the High Altar and standing at the St Peter's Altar.
- Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.
- Anointing for healing will take place in the north and south aisles of the nave.

## Hymn 352 *Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

## Motet *Ave Verum Corpus*

WILLIAM BYRD

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man.*

*From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.*

## Thanksgiving after Communion

*Celebrant* Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart;  
that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding, may love thee;  
and so loving, may give thanks to thee for our redemption  
through the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*All*     **Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us  
with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer unto thee ourselves our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of the Spirit  
to live and work for thy praise and glory. Amen.**

## Blessing & Announcements

### Hymn 371 *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go forth in the name of Christ.

*All*       **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Voluntary in E minor*

WILLIAM RUSSELL

*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall after the service.*

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**In our Prayers this Week**

The Anglican Communion: Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Archbishop Anne Germond.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: *St. Anne, Toronto*, its monthly community dinners and interfaith refugee sponsorship project; *St. Athanasius, Orillia*, its food security support through local partnerships, support of the Orillia Lighthouse, and advocacy with Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness; *St. Augustine of Canterbury*, its support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry and Community Food Bank, All Saints, Sherbourne, and other community projects, as well as its refugee sponsorships.

Parish Cycle: Anna Tharyan and Simon Chester, Vernita Theobolds, Aldene Thomas, Abraham Thomas.

Home Bound Parishioners: Marie Adams, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lawrine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Everton Morris, Denise Orioux, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobalds, Duncan Towe, Marie Samuels-Isaac, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.



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<b>Church Office Hours</b>	Tuesday to Thursday - 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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." Psalm 24.1.*



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