



FRIDGE NOTES: Parish Announcements

Week of Lent IV (Passiontide) – April 6, 2025

Welcome to St Peter and St Simon's, especially if you are visiting us.
Please join is for refreshments in the Parish hall following the 10.30 am service.

A Word from the Rector

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the beginning of our deep Lenten observance in the solemn period of *Passiontide*. We focus more and more on the Passion of our Lord, repenting of our sins which separate us from God, from one another and from creation itself, and we dwell in the merciful gift of God's wondrous love poured out in Christ to brings us redemption.

In his poem *To Christ*, John Donne (1573-1631) wrestles with the fact that Christians continue to sin even after they repent and vow to sin no more. This poem notes different elements of sin – repeating already repented-of sins, causing others to sin, remembering older sins – and wonders at God's ongoing forgiveness. Notice the repetition in the last two lines of each stanza; the poem moves from requesting God's continued forgiveness in response to continued sin, to beseeching God for final forgiveness at the moment of death. John Donne was an English poet, scholar and priest. He was Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, London from 1621-1631.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. We walk the way of the cross as a reminder of our Lord's sacrifice, and in the faith that it is for us the way of life. Please join us as we observe the most sacred week of the Christian year. GNS+

Poem of the Week: *To Christ*

by JOHN DONNE

I

Wilt Thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which is my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
For I have more.

II

Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin? and, made my sin their door?
Wilt Thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two: but wallowed in, a score?
When Thou hast done, Thou hast not done,
For I have more.

III

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
Swear by Thyself, that at my death Thy Son
Shall shine as He shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, Thou hast done,
I fear no more.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday – April 13

9 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am – Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading and Sung Eucharist

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week – April 14-15

7 pm The Way of the Cross at 7 pm

Wednesday Holy Week – April 16

11 am - Holy Eucharist

7 pm - The Way of the Cross

Maundy Thursday – April 17

7 pm - The Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Good Friday – April 18

8 am – The Good Friday Walk

11 am - The Solemn Liturgy

Preacher – The Reverend Canon Beth Benson

Easter Day – April 20

9 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Festal Eucharist

Good Friday Walk | All those joining us on the Good Friday Walk please meet at Our Lady of Lourdes at 8am. The walk will end at SPSS.

Easter Flowers | If you would like to make a donation towards flowers for Easter please use the envelopes found at the back of the Church. Include the particular memorial and/or you would like acknowledged. Deadline is 12.00 noon, Wednesday, April 16, 2025. If you require further information contact Sheila at 416-921-2953.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Discovery Day last Saturday.

It was a time of thoughtful reflection, fruitful conversation, worship and fellowship. The planning team met this week to review the notes of the day. We are working with this information and look forward to sharing it with you, working together on next steps for our ministry here at SPSS.

Lenten Scripture Study | *The Gospel According to St John.*

Tuesday, April 8.

Light Supper at 6.15 pm

Study at 7.00 pm followed by Compline.

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<https://stpeterstsimon.ca/>

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Church Office Hours	Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sundays

9.00am	Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit)
10.30 am	1 st and 3 rd Sundays Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
2 nd Sunday	Choral Matins (unless announced)
4 th Sunday	Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
5 th Sunday & Evensong	As Announced

Wednesdays

11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
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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." Psalm 24.1