



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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

Welcome to the Church of St Peter and St Simon-the-Apostle.

HOLY EUCHARIST AT 9.00 AM.

Celebrated in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. BCP pp. 67ff

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

SUNG EUCHARIST AT 10.30 AM.

Celebrant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess, Grace Rockett

Servers Ferdinand Galingan, Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo

Music Ministry Mervin Fick & The Parish Choir

Mass Setting *Communion Service* – John Merbecke



The Gathering and Penitential Rite

Prelude *Invention and Allegretto Cantabile*

FLOR PEETERS

Hymn 607 *Come, Let Us to the Lord our God*

ST BERNARD

Greeting

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

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **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.**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession.

Please kneel or be seated. Silence is kept.

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

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

The Absolution is pronounced.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

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 wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Exodus 17.1-7*

Read by Kevin Sinclair

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted

there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 *Venite, exultemus.*

TONE III.4.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: /
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, /
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it: /
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down, /
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God; /
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Today, O that ye would hear his voice: /
‘Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation,
and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me, /
proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, /
“It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways”;
Unto whom I swear in my wrath, /
that they should not enter into my rest.’

Epistle *Romans 5.1-11*

Read by Carol-Faye Petricko

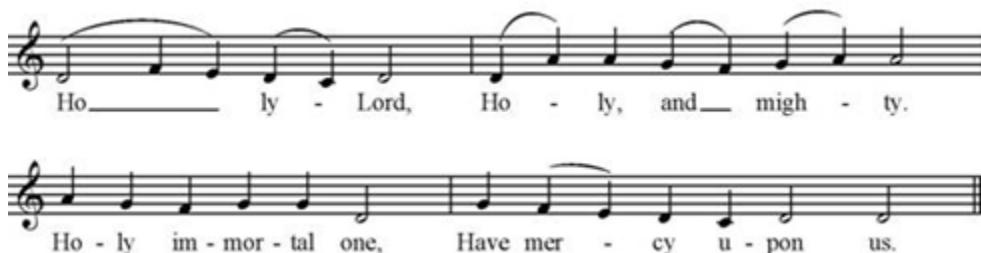
Reader A reading from the Epistle of St Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Trisagion*



The Holy Gospel *John 4.5-42*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the

well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of

the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Choir *'Like as the Hart'*

HEALEY WILLAN

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say unto me, 'Where is now thy God?' Psalm 42.1-3.

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

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 *Please kneel, sit or stand as comfortable.* Led by Ian Corlett

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

All For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world: in the Anglican Communion for the Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and in our diocese for Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, we pray to you, Lord,
Hear and have mercy.

Leader For our parish in thanksgiving for our ministry and praying for guidance on this Vestry Sunday. For the outreach ministries of the Church of Our Saviour, Don Mills, the Parish of Penetanguishene and Wabaushene, and for Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach, that in faithful witness the Church may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader For peace in the world, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and other areas affected by war, for our governors and leaders, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All **Hear and have mercy.**

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

All **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader For those who have died in faith and those whose faith is known to God alone, especially *NN*. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

All **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

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

All **Hear and have mercy.**

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

All **Hear and have mercy.**

Leader In a moment of silence we offer other prayers, thanksgivings and petitions.
Silence is kept. We pray to you, Lord.

All **Hear, have mercy.**

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, Lord God, as may best for us, through thy Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant I beseech you, 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.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 602 *Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

MERBECKE - *Common Praise* #682

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 Preface follows. Then is sung:*

All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, 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.** *All kneel or be seated.*

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.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee, and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant 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 together*

CP HYMN BOOK 684

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has 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 them that 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 We do not presume

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

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

Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. 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.

Motet *'View Me, Lord'*

RICHARD LLOYD

*View me, Lord, a work of thine! Shall I then lie downed in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar pure and white;
They at once thy mercies feel, gaze no more on earth's delight.
Worldly joys like shadows fade when the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made, endless, know not days nor years.
In thy word, Lord, is my trust, to thy mercies fast I fly;
Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.*

Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Chant LENT PROSE: *Attende, Domine*

MODE V.

All **Refrain: Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us;
 For we have sinned against thee.**

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

Recessional Hymn 388 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIA

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *March*

FLOR PEETERS

Next Sunday - Lent 4: March 15th

Choral Matins at 10.30 am. Holy Eucharist at 12.00 noon.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Janice Hodgson, ODT, Diocesan President.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* the Church of Our Saviour, Don Mills, its partnership with the Common Table Farm and ongoing support of the Flemingdon Park Ministry, ACW support for two girls in school in Uganda through Afrinspire UK, support for the Haven Toronto men's drop-in centre, Sistering Women's Services, its clothing drive for New Circles community services, and other local, national, and international outreach;

for the Parish of Penetanguishene and Wabauskene, its Deacon's cupboard and bi-weekly breakfast and lunch programs; for Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach, its partnership in the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank, its giving clothesline of toiletries and mittens, weekly parent and tots program, and sharing of “noisy change” for local community needs.

Parish Cycle David Rounthwaite, Brooke Sales-Lee & Family, Laurie Sanderson.

Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

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SERVICES

Sunday	9.00 am	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
Wednesday	11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

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.