



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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Choral Matins at 10.30 am.

The service begins on page 1 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Clergy The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess
 The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Theology Student Grace Rockett
Musicians Mervin Fick (Director) with the Parish Choir

Please join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the service.



Prelude *Air and Gavotte*

S.S. WESLEY

Processional Hymn 393 *Immortal, Invisible*

ST DENIO

Opening Sentences

Exhortation – BCP p. 5

General Confession

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father

All **we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws.
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,**

**and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.**

**Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto all people
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

Preces and Responses

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Please stand.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite: *Sung by all. Please remain standing.*

Holman



The goodness of the Lord leadeth to repentance / O Come, let us worship.

The Lord God omnipotent reigneth / O come, let us worship.

O come, let us ' sing unto · the ' Lord: /

let us heartily rejoice in the ' strength of ' our sal'vation.

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 a·bove ' 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 pre' pared the · dry ' land.
O come, let us worship and ' fall ' down /
and ' kneel be·fore 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.'
Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son / and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be /
world without ' end. A'—'men.
The goodness of the Lord leadeth to repentance / O Come, let us worship.

Please be seated.

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16.1-13

Read by Stephanie Woodside

Reader The first lesson is written in the First Book of Samuel, the sixteenth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he

sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 520 (Psalm 23) *The King of Love*

DOMINUS REGIT ME

Second Lesson Ephesians 5.8-14

Read by Larry Krotz

Reader The Second Lesson is written in the fifth chapter of the Epistle of St Paul to the Ephesians, beginning at the eight verse.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Benedicite, Omnia Opera *Please stand.*

VIII. 1.



Cantor O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

R O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye Heavens, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the **Lord**:
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:

R O ye sun and moon, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye stars of heaven, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye showers and dew, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye winds of God, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

R O ye fire and heat, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye winter and summer, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye frost and cold, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

R O ye ice and snow, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye nights and days, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye light and darkness, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye lightnings and clouds, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

R O let the earth bless the **Lord**: praise him and magnify **him** forever.

Cantor O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the **Lord**:
O all ye green things upon the Earth, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

R O ye wells, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye seas and floods, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the **Lord**:
O all ye Fowls of the Air, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

R O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye children of earth, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O let Israel bless the **Lord**: praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

R O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye servants of the Lord, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

Cantor O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye holy and humble of heart, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

R O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the **Lord**:
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

Please be seated.

Third Lesson John 9.1-41

Read by Grace Rockett

Reader The third lesson is written in the ninth chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the first verse.

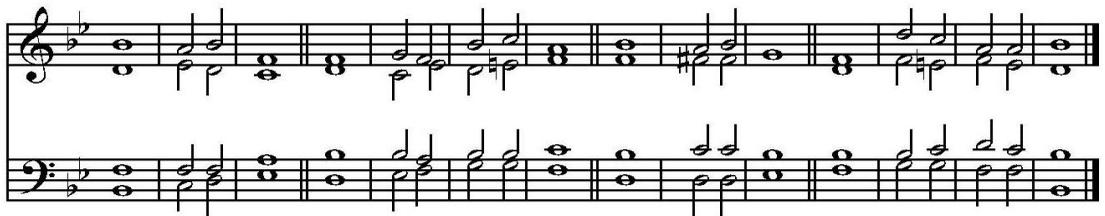
As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of

Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Benedictus *Sung by all. Please stand.*



Blessed be the Lord ' God of ' Israel; /
 * for he hath visited, ' and re ' deemed his ' people;
 and hath raised up a mighty sal ' vation ' for us, /
 * in the ' house of · his ' servant ' David;
 as he spake by the mouth of his ' holy ' Prophets, /
 * which have been ' since the ' world be ' gan;
 that we should be ' saved from · our ' enemies, /
 * and from the ' hands of ' all that ' hate us;
 to perform the mercy promised ' to our ' forefathers, /
 * and to re ' member ' his ' holy covenant;
 to perform the oath which he sware to our ' fore-father ' Abraham, /

* that ' he would ' grant ' us
that we being delivered out of the ' hands of · our ' enemies /
* might ' serve him · with ' out ' fear,
in holiness and ' righteousness be ' fore him, /
* all the ' days of ' our ' life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the ' Prophet · of the ' Highest: /
* for thou shalt go before the face of the ' Lord · to pre ' pare his ' ways;
to give knowledge of salvation ' unto his ' people /
* for the re ' mission ' of their ' sins;
through the tender mercy ' of our ' God; /
* whereby the day-spring ' from on ' high hath ' visited us;
to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the ' shadow of ' death, /
* and to guide our feet ' into the ' way of ' peace.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son,
* and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be,
* world without ' end. ' A- ' men.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the
dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of
Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel or be seated.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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. Amen.**

The Officiant stands. All remain kneeling as able.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

Officiant O Lord, save the King;

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

Officiant Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *Collect of the Day*

Officiant 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.** *Seasonal Collect*

Officiant O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Collect for Peace*

Officiant O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

Anthem *'In the Morning, O Lord'*

W.H. ANDERSON

In the morning, O Lord, let our prayers come before thee.

Grant us to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling, and without stain, without shame, that reaching the eventide we may praise thee, the eternal, through thy mercy, who art blessed and doth govern all things, world without end. Amen.

Sermon The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Hymn 170 *The Glory of These Forty Days*

ERHALT UNS, HERR

During the hymn a collection will taken to support the ministry of the parish.

The Prayers *Please kneel or be seated.*

Led by Glenna Sims-Bonk

General Thanksgiving

Officiant Almighty God,

All **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives;
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Lent Prose

All Refrain Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sin'd against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated
bow down and hearken to they children
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee
with true contrition, now no more we veil them
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.
Amen.

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Announcements *Please be seated.*

Hymn 345 *King of Glory, King of Peace*

GWALCHMAI

Postlude *Chorale Prelude on 'Out of the Depths'*

F.W. ZACHAU

Today at 12.00 noon

Holy Eucharist (said) - celebrated at the High Altar.
Worshippers are invited into the choir stalls for the service.

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Kenya.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Victoria and Haliburton Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street, for the Common Table - its weekday meal program, street outreach, and other supports for homeless and marginally-housed people, its Indigenous Solidarity Working Group, Creation Matters group, Transgender Ministry and the Refugee Settlement Committee; *for* the Church of the Resurrection, its community garden, monthly Common Table, support of Sanctuary, the Scott Mission, and Dale Ministries, refugee sponsorship, and Side Door youth drop-in centre; *and for* San Lorenzo, Dufferin, its community centre and Voces Latinas radio programming, and its annual Caravan of Hope, bringing supplies to the needy in El Salvador.

Parish Cycle Maggie Sanderson, Sheila Sangwine, Anna Satel.

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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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.