



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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Holy Eucharist at 9.00 am.

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

Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Collects

BCP pp.148 & 138 -- For the readings see 10:30 am.

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.

The liturgy is taken from the *Book of Alternative Services & The Promise of His Glory* (Decalogue)

Celebrant

The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting

The Reverend Canon Michael Burgess

Preacher

Grace Rockett

Servers

Ashrey, Betty Scantlebury, Ferdinand Galingan,

Fen Nanton, Gary Toneguzzo,

Communion Minister

Spencer Higgins

Musicians

Mervin Fick and the Parish Choir

Mass Setting

A Community Mass, David Hurd

Prelude *Three Miniatures*

FLOR PEETERS

Hymn 180 *Giver of the Perfect Gift*

SONG 13

Greeting

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

All **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* You 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 Eleison

All **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

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

Collects

Celebrant Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Seasonal Collect

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson *Ezekiel 37.1-14*

Read by Michelle Veronesi

Reader A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost;

we are cut off completely.’¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

Tone IV.6

Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Epistle *Romans 8.6-11*

Read by Regi Khokher

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Trisagion

Ho - ly - Lord, Ho - ly, and - migh - ty.
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Holy Gospel *John 11.1-45*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on

the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Anthem *Drop, Drop Slow Tears*

O. GIBBONS/ARR. D. BLACKWELL

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

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 Ted Robinson

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the prayer of confession. Silence is kept. Please kneel, as able.

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 442 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here*

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Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Giver of life, your Son has destroyed the power of death for all those who believe in him. Accept all we offer you this day and strengthen us in faith and hope; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 3, BAS pp 198-200

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 unto our Lord God.

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

The Celebrant prays the preface, then all sing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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

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for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer *Sung by all*

CP 744 – GEORGE BLACK

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ’s body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Lamb of God

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us 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.

Anthem *O Jesu, Blessed Lord*

WILLIAM BYRD - ARR. A. BROWN

*O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee my heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed on me Thy body and Thy blood.
Break forth, my soul, for joy and say what wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within me now: How blest am I! How good Thou art!*

Hymn 649 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Thanksgiving after Communion

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

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

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn 619 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADOR'S HYMN

Dismissal

Leader Go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Andante con moto*

FLOR PETERS

In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Korea.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Etobicoke-Humber Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for St. Aidan, Toronto*, its Busy Bees Drop-In Play Group for infants, toddlers, and caregivers; weekly Beach Interfaith Outreach community lunches and Out of the Cold dinners, refugee sponsorship in partnership with the Beach Cares and the East End Refugee Committee, and support of Restorative Justice Housing Ontario; for *St. Andrew-by-the-Lake*, its transportation for those with mobility issues, support of those with health and housing concerns, support of Street Health, and funding for community arts and musical programs; *and for St. Andrew, Alliston*, and its “It Takes a Village” BrainiACTS.

Parish Cycle Betty Scantlebury, Hugh Scotchmer & Family, Nigel Scotchmer.

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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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

SERVICES

Sunday

9.00 am

Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit

10.30 am

1st and 3rd Sundays: Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite

2nd Sunday: Choral Matins (unless announced)

4th Sunday: Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

5th 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.

