

Fourth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2011



All this is from God
who reconciled us to himself through Christ
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop
 Lector:
 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant: The Reverend Christine Conkin
 Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and David Gravells
 Deacon: The Reverend Julienne Hendrickson
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #8 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Lenten Invitation

Blessed are you, O Lord our God

**In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance
 that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once
 more.**

**In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart.
 You open our eyes to your presence in the world
 and you free our hands to lead others to the splendour of your mercy.
 Be with us in these journey days for without you we are lost.
 To you be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen**

Confession

Create in me a clean heart, O God
**and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Give me the joy of your saving help again
 and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit;
 through the mercy and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Absolution

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen**

Almighty God, (*Collect of the Day*)
**through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light.
 May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Talk – The Reverend Helen Belcher

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1–13 [Pamela Grigg](#)

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.’ Invite 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.” Samuel 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?” He 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. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But 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.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel 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.” He 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.” Then 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: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

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New Testament: Ephesians 5:8–14 [Ellen Lee](#)

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

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Gradual Hymn: #614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Gospel: John 9:1–41

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He 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.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then 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.” Some 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. So 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." The 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 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but 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." His 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. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So 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." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He 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?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily – The Rev. Helen Belcher

Prayers of the People

Peace

Offertory Hymn: #455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

God of light, **your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation... (celebrant continues)

... Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Gracious God... (celebrant continues)

... And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,... (celebrant continues)

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, Creator of all,

and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

"I am the bread which has come down from Heaven," says the Lord

Give us this bread for ever.

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion (together)

Father, **through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #602 Lift High the Cross

Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Claire White is warden on duty today.

Prayers:

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of Mumbai and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Prakash Dinkar Patole.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Edmund, Calgary and their clergy The Rev. Brooke Mitchell.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. John with St. Marki and St. Matthew and their clergy, The Rev. Junior Ballantyne.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Margo Brisbin, Edith Lenko, David Whitton, Trish Bentz, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by:

- Aileen and Murray Shier in memory of and in thanksgiving for loved ones.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- Donations of travel sized toiletries are now being collected for our Senior Easter Baskets. There is a marked collection basket in the Narthex.

- **VBS** will be held August 15-19, 2011. Ages 3-11 are welcome. Panda Mania will be the theme this year. We are looking for volunteers to help out, especially for crafts, games, music and storytelling. Call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393 for more information.
- The next **Prayer Partner Pot Luck** will be held Sunday, May 1st following the 10 am service.

Stephen Ministry: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of Dealing With Depression. In this presentation they will be looking into the very common problem of depression – its causes, its symptoms, and the very special role Stephen Ministers have in the lives of people who are depressed.

Chancel Renewal - Please visit a listening station today in the Cormack Hall following the 10 am service. . You may give feedback either verbally or in writing. Please be bold with contacting the wardens or chancel renewal members with your questions and concerns.

Upcoming Events:

- **Theology and a Pint** – Monday, April 11, 7pm, Limerick's Pub (7304 MacLeod Trail S) – Come hang out and talk about life and faith. For more information, contact Christine: christine@stpeterscalgary.ca
- **Helping Hands for Japan: Bake Sale Fundraiser, April 3rd 8.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., Christ Church.** Along with the children and youth from Christ Church, the youth group is accepting donations of bake goods to raise money for PWRDF's relief efforts in Japan. Please mark your prices and any allergy alerts on your goods and contact youth leader Aaron Havens at aaronhavens@hotmail.com or 403-860-8237 for drop-off time and location.
- **Calling all avid readers!** Please join us for an exciting book study, movie, discussion and meet the author on May 3, 11 and 17 at 7:00 PM in the upper hall. Muslim, Christian and Jew: Finding a Path to Peace our Faiths Can Share, by Calgary author Dr. David Liepert, is an historical and current day examination of our inter-faith similarities and differences. Dr. Liepert calls on us, through meaningful dialogue, to work together in order to draw world attention to the fact that peace requires understanding, appreciation and respect for the common teachings of our faiths. His book is a great message of hope, and at times provocative, as he challenges us to explore the different “givens” of our faiths. Come and join us for what promises to be a lively, informative discussion!

May 3	Book discussion
May 11	Book discussion and film, “Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think”
May 17	Guest speaker, Dr. David Liepert

A new study of a Hunger for Healing “The Twelve Steps as a Classic Model for Christian Spiritual Growth” is starting on Wednesday, March 30th. Everyone is welcome. Meeting time is 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch – tea and coffee provided. Place – St. Peter's Anglican Church. Contact – Gwen Smith at 403-238-0105 or Avril at 403-252-0393.

"Dementia: Caregiving Resources and Supports" April 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity Hall at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (703 Heritage Drive SW). 403-255-0001. Presented by Richard Alarie, M.A, R. Psych., Therapy Specialist, Community Geriatric Mental Health, Leanne Tombe, BSW, RSW from the South Central Primary Care Network, AB Health Services and Charlene Retzlaff, BSW, RSW from the Family Caregiver Centre. Enter off the east parking lot via the ramp entrance.

PWRDF is taking donations designated for disaster relief in Japan. Donations for relief work will be forwarded to the Anglican Church of Japan and partner organizations such as Church World Service. PWRDF will work with the Anglican Church in Japan, the Anglican Alliance and ACT Alliance to monitor this situation in the coming days and process designated donations for Japan earthquake relief. Donations may be made in the following ways:

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On-line Go to [Canada Helps](#) and select Japan/Pacific Tsunami.

By Phone For credit card donations contact: Jennifer Brown

416-924-9192 ext. 355; 1-866-308-7973 Please do not send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail Please make cheques payable to PWRDF, Japan/Pacific Tsunami and send to:

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund; The Anglican Church of Canada;
80 Hayden Street; Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3G2

Donations wanted for Unused Fabric Sale - We are looking for donations of **unused fabric 0.5 metre or longer, unless** quilting cotton or exceptional pieces; yarns, sewing notions; threads, knitting needles, beads, patterns, embellishments etc. **Donations may be dropped off at; Woodcliff United Church, 5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary Wed., April 6th & Thurs. April 7th, 10:00 am to 8:00pm. NO FRIDAY DROP OFF. For more information contact Joan 403-281-9390 brunswick@telus.net Carla 403 256 2828 Carla.lorring@live.ca. **Fourth Annual Unused Fabric Sale Saturday April 9th 9:30 am to 2:00pm At Woodcliff United Church 5010 Spruce Drive S.W. Calgary** All proceeds go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.**

North to the Bay – Bishop Gary and Marie Woolsey will be leading a tour to Churchill, Manitoba November 1-7, 2011. Experience the north during polar bear season. For more information, contact Bishop Gary at 403-251-9569.

To check out St. Peter's Website – www.stpeterscalgary.ca

We now have wireless access in the Church – stpeterswireless – password [peterswireless](http://stpeterswireless)

Phone 403-252-0393

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Wednesday	10:00 am	Mayfair Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation

	6:00 pm	Lent Soup and Service
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service
	7:00 pm	EFM
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	9-3	Piecemakers
Sunday	10:00 am	Baptism

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We would love to hear from you:

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Wardens

Rector's Warden	Raju Paul
People's Warden	Marg McKay
Rector's Deputy Warden	Barry O'Flynn
People's Deputy Warden	Claire White

Please feel free to contact any warden or vestry member with any concern or information you may have.

Call the church office at 409-252-0393 and we will be happy to put you in contact with any one of the above.