

Lent 4
March 14, 2010



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: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
Lay Reader: Wendy Both
Lector:
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant and preacher: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
Lay Readers: Lorraine Grant and David McKeown
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: # 608 *Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Greeting
Children's Talk
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**

Lord Jesus you healed the sick. Lord have mercy

Lord Jesus you forgave sinners. Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength.
Lord have mercy.

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

Father of mercy

(Collect of the Day)

**Gracious Father,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
to be the true bread which gives life to the world,
evermore give us this bread,
that he may live in us, and we in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 5:9–12

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 32

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New Testament Letters: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: # 569 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn: #500 *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of mercy and compassion,

your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

If we have died with him, we shall live with him;

If we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,

We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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. Bishop Hoskin has written to all parishes in the Diocese requesting that we no

longer

carry on the practice of dipping our Communion wafers "intincting" into the Communion cup. Dioceses across the country are stopping this practice. To receive Communion in "one kind," that is, the bread alone, is to fully Commune. One may wish to receive the consecrated wafer and then simply fold one's arms to indicate a preference not to receive

from the chalice.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Priest Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Priest All your works praise you, O Lord,
**and your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: # 306 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by

- Bruce and Mary Westell in loving memory of our parents, Bob and Marion Westell and Mary and Richard Johnston.

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and The Most Rev. Gerald James (Ian) Ernest.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for Holy Nativity Anglican Church and their clergy The Rev. Bryan Beveridge and The Rev. Betty Vaughan.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Holy Trinity, Castries with St. Mary LaCaye and their clergy The Ven. Randolph Evelyn.

Announcements – Please pass all announcements to the sidespeople prior to service and they will pass along to the warden on Duty.
Marg McKay is Warden on Duty today.

Stephen Ministry: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of Telecare: the Next Best Thing to Being There. In this presentation they will be learning specific techniques that they will use in ministering to people over the telephone. Please pray for the Stephen Ministry program, as well as all the trainees and Leaders as they continue to learn more about caring for those needing a Listening Ear.

ST PAUL RECONSIDERED – DEFINITELY! A Lenten Series presented by Richard LeSueur and Helen Belcher. Wednesdays through Lent 7:15 for refreshments, 7:30 – 9:00pm

Small Group Bible Study Are you in your late 20's to early 40's? Come and connect with others in this weekly small group Bible study designed to fostering fellowship among St. Peter's "younger" adults on Mondays from 7:00pm - 9pm. Please contact Jennifer Flanders. jenn@flandersfamily.net

Prayer Vigil– will be held Saturday, April 3rd from 8 am to 4 pm in the Chapel. Please drop by anytime during the day for quiet reflection and prayer.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed. Joan can help you to job-shadow for a few weeks with an experienced teacher. Please contact Joan if you would like to participate in this very important ministry.
- **EASTER BASKETS** – Donations of travel size toiletries and wrapped Easter chocolate are now being accepted. Please put all donations into the marked basket in the Narthex. Questions or comments, please call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393.
- **Vacation Bible School** – ***"Baobab Blast. God's Great Get Together"*** will again be hosted by St. Peter's from August 16 – 20, 9 am until 12 noon for children 3 – 11 years. Anyone 12 -16 is invited to be a junior leader. Come join us for a fun week of games, crafts, music and food. For further information please call Joan Hanna at 403-252-0393.

Correction Dear Friends, I am sorry for the following confusion about my departure from St. Peter's. It turns out that due to "many wheels" already being put into motion in Victoria my start date there has had to remain as previously announced as June 1. I will nevertheless be here with you on Sunday, June 20 to lead worship at the Millarville Picnic, as I have to return to Calgary that week to facilitate our move. The Vestry and Wardens have arranged that a "Farewell" will occur on Sunday, May 30th and I will be delighted to be with both communities at 8am and 10am on that Sunday. Apologies for the confusion. - Richard LeSueur

"Food For Thought" Thursday mornings following the 9:30am mid-week Communion service. Come for Communion at 9:30, or just come at 10am for some snacks, a cup of coffee and an hour of discovery and reflection as we work our way through the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christian Meditation – Please note the following changes - Monday, March 15, **6:15 pm**; March 22 back to 7:00 pm; March 29 cancelled. April 5th, return to 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 24th and April 7th Rev. Helen Belcher will be leading the group.

O Give Thanks for the wonderful production and presentation of **"I Remember Mama"** by the "Players" of Peter's. David Cormack writes: "St. Peter's Players are pleased to thank all

congregational members who attended the production of "I Remember Mama." A thank-you to all members who participated in the performance and preparation of the play. It marks another happy, successful production." A big thank you also to all who shopped, prepared, cooked, served and cleaned-up from the dinners of the "dinner-theatre' nights. Mmm good, Mama.

St. Peter's will be holding its **8th ANNUAL golf tournament** in September at Turner Valley depending on the number of golfers I will be able to clarify the date. Anyone interested is invited and if anyone has parents, brothers or sisters or daughters or sons who want to join us they are welcome. We are looking at either September 4th or 11th. T-time would probably start at 1:00 P.M. They can contact me at ph. 265-7070 (B) or 278-0317 (R). Dinner will be Prime Roast Beef Dinner. Cost \$120.00 per golfer. Anyone who wants to join us for dinner only the cost is \$35.00 and they are welcome. The Cost of \$120.00 includes green fees, driving range privileges, dinner, prizes golf carts, GST and Gratuities. All you have to bring is a smile and your clubs and be ready for a fun day on the links. It is hoped this will be a special Anniversary tournament. I have assurances the weather will be great. Garth Dymond

ACW – The single largest killer of children under 5 years in Africa is malaria. All it takes is one mosquito net at a cost of \$7.00 each to save a life. Please join us Monday, March 15 at 7:15 pm to hear Andreas from the Red Cross talk about this project. We will be kicking off this project on Sunday, March 22. Show your love by purchasing a mosquito net and saving a little life. (tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$10.00). After all the future of our world lies in the hands of the children.

The ACW Diocese of Calgary **Annual Conference** 2010 will be held April 23 and 24 at Holy Cross Anglican Church, 2828-19th Street S.W. Guest speaker will be The Right Rev. Gary Woolsey.

Celebration Lilies – Diane Mockridge is initiating again the "Celebration Lilies" to beautify our worship on Easter Day. The cost is \$15 per plant and each donor can indicate what they wish to celebrate on Easter or specially remember. There will be a table in the upper hall where you can make your dedications and thanksgivings that will be placed in the Easter bulletin. Your lilies can be picked up following the 11:00 am service on Easter Sunday. All lilies remaining will be delivered to those who are house-bound or nursing home residents. (Any profit made on the purchase of the lilies will go to beautifying our gardens). For more information please call Diane at 257-3543.

SORRENTO Consider spending part of your summer at Sorrento this year. The program materials are in and look wonderful. Lots of options. Please help yourself to the Sorrento materials in the entrance area at the Welcome Table.

WiFi at St. Peter's! (pronounced "Wai Fai") Many thanks to Alan Flanders who has now set up St. Peter's with wireless capacity throughout the facility. The internet can now be accessed everywhere; for real-time uploading of sermons as they are delivered to our web site, giving access to web shots or YouTube videos in worship (as used in January), roving computer access for all staff, etc. Well done.

"BOX of HOPE" – Outreach Lent Project On February 21 a "Box of Hope" was handed out to each household to help support the John Wesley Centre; a PWRDF Orphan Support Program in Johannesburg, South Africa. Please see the enclosed leaflet explaining more about the Centre

and the program it offers. If you did not get your "Box of Hope" you can pick one up from the table in the Narthex or call Claire White (403-238-4408) or Angela Bane (403-281-2652). What we ask of you is to take your "Box" and fill it with "Hope" by collecting any spare change (space bills, spare cheques) over the period of Lent. Then bring it to church on Easter Day. Should you wish to just make a donation to this project, please bring your cheque or cash donation to the church on any Sunday. Cheques should be made payable to "St. Peter's Anglican Church" and indicate "Box of Hope" Program. Please put cash donations in an envelope and mark it clearly with your name, envelope number and "Box of Hope". You will be issued with a Tax receipt. Thank you from the Outreach Committee.

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE Spring 2010 A fabulous opportunity to strengthen, enrich and foster your relationship. April 30 – May 2, 2010 at the Fairmont Banff Springs for a total of only \$178 per couple – for the weekend! – as long as there are 4 couples registering together. With guest musician Steve Bell. "Focus on each other . . . what you will hear at the conference are timeless principles for your marriage and family relationships. You will enjoy an environment that is non-threatening, fun and often hilarious! You'll hear from insightful speakers. Pick up more information at the Welcome table. Let's see if there are 4 or more couples who can register together. Send an email to Avril or call the church office.

Anglican Laity Retreat @ Mount St. Francis: Is the chaos of life stressing you out? Do you yearn for a quiet weekend with the Good Shepherd?? Then look no further! This silent Retreat takes place Friday to Sunday, (**March 26 - 28, 2010**) at the Franciscan Retreat Centre in Cochrane. The talks this year will include presentations on the core of Franciscan Spirituality, the Church as the People of God, and Responsible Freedom. This weekend is supported by free will offerings where tax receipts are issued for donations above the cost for the weekend: \$175. Nobody is turned away. Accommodation is limited to 44 retreatants. For information or to register, contact Stasia or Leon at 403-242-1332 or leon-stasia@shaw.ca

SUMMER PLANNING

Youth Summer Camp!

Come join the Anglican youth leaders from "OneBody" for a week of summer fun at Sojourners Summer Camp and Wilderness Society! Based at Whispering Pines on the edge of the Rockies, this week is packed full of fun and adventure. Set the dates: **Sunday August 22nd to Saturday August 28th**. For more information and to receive a brochure, please contact Jill at St. Martin's (403.249.3014 or jillian_anna_@hotmail.com). There are plenty of hands needed to run a camp; if you are interested in volunteering your skills for the week, please contact Jill.

CHANCEL RENEWAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

On Sunday, January 18, at a Special Meeting of the congregation, Friesen Tockar Architects were awarded the contract to serve the parish in the exploration of the re-ordering and renewal of our worship space. On Friday 12th February the contract was signed. The time-line developed with the architects currently projects that the congregation will receive, by mid-April, the results of the initial architectural study and costing projections. The following dates are anticipated and will be confirmed later.

- **Sunday 18th April 2010** – Following 10am worship, in Cormack Hall, the architects will present their developed conceptual ideas and costing projections. There will be opportunity for questions and discussion. This will be an informational meeting.
- Three weeks will follow where materials will be circulated to everyone in the congregation and further comments and input gathered.
- **Sunday 16th May 2010 – A Special Meeting of the Congregation** will be convened to seek a decision on how we wish to proceed.
- At both meetings we will also hear a report from a Fund Raising Group (convened) in terms of how we will go about funding the work we wish to accomplish.

Should the congregation decide to move forward to implementation Diocesan approval will be sought to proceed into the next steps. As we continue through this consultative process we welcome your thoughts, comments and questions. - Richard Bane, Chair

UNUSED FABRIC SALE!

Are you looking for a good home for your treasured unused fabric & supplies? Let us help! Donations of unused fabric ½ m or longer only please (unless quilting or exceptional pieces); wool, notions, patterns etc. will be accepted on Wed Apr 14 & Thurs Apr 15 from 10 am to 8 pm at Woodcliff United Church, 5010 Spruce Dr SW. **The 3rd Annual Unused Fabric Sale** is on **Sat Apr 17 from 9:30 am to 2 pm** at Woodcliff United. All the proceeds of this sale go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support 1000s of Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their orphaned grandchildren! For information contact Judith 403.374.0622 judithlwatt@hotmail.com or Alison 403.243.5478 alison.longson@telus.net

Your used cell phones are needed. **Rowan House Emergency Shelter** serves the rural foothills and provides women and their children temporary housing in a safe environment (with the opportunity for healing and personal growth while helping to facilitate transition back into the community). Women from rural or urban areas can access this facility. For more information: www.rowanhouseonline.org/how-to-help.html There is a box in the narthex where you can leave your donated cell phones/charges. Your contribution will make a huge impact in establishing a telephone support system for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

Devotion booklets for Lent are available in the Narthex. Please help yourself

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

www.stpeterscalgary.ca Phone 252-0393

Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	7:00 pm	Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	7:15 pm	Lenten Series
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		'Food For Thought' with Richard
	7:00 pm	EFM (Education for Ministry)
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga

7:00 pm

Youth Group

HOLY WEEK

MONDAY 7:30 p.m

Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

TUESDAY 7:30 p.m

Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m

Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 pm Light Supper

7:30 pm Choral Eucharist & Reflection

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30am Family Service geared for the young

11:00am Solemn Good Friday Liturgy with choir

HOLY SATURDAY 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

A Prayer Vigil at the Chapel

Drop in any time for quiet prayer

EASTER DAY

FESTIVAL of the RESURRECTION

9:00 am Festive Eucharist with choir (BCP)

11:00 am Festive Eucharist with choir (BAS)

Invite a Friend - Share the Joy

