

Lent 5
March 21, 2010

All of you
are children of God
for you were baptised
into union with Christ
and so have taken on
the qualities of Christ.

- Galatians 3:26

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Celebrant and preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Reader: Al Both
Lector: Des Bourke

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion and Baptism (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant: Archdeacon Richard LeSueur
Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Shelagh Innes
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: # 385 *Worship the Lord in the Beauty*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

and also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit,

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all.

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.

Most merciful God,

(Collect of the Day)

**by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to 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: Isaiah 43:16–21

Carol Kyle

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

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New Testament Letters: Philippians 3:4b–14

Doug Kyle

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to

regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: # 35 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

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

Homily

HOLY BAPTISM (see insert)

Offertory Hymn: # 621 *Before the World Began*

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts

Eternal God,

your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving 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 Merciful God,

you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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: # 628 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad*

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

In Baptism today we welcome into the household of God;
Gabriel Michael Flach, son of Michael and Larissa Flach;
Grayson John Grenier, son of Andre and Tracey Grenier and grandson of Rudy and Deena
Janzen; Morgan Elizabeth Watmough and Alexander Wayne Watmough, daughter and son of
Douglas and Michelle Watmough.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God in thanksgiving.

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Liturgical Consultation, its participants and secretary, as they strengthen the worshipping life of the Communion.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Augustine's, Calgary and their clergy The Rev. Jonathan Gibson and their honorary assistant The Rev. Ruth Lillington.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for Grace Church, Riviere Doree with St. Paul and Christ-the-King and their clergy The Rev. Ashton Francis.

With sadness we announce the passing of Muriel Newby this week. A Memorial service will be held next Saturday, March 27th at St. Peter's at 3pm. Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon her.

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

Stephen Ministry: This coming week the Stephen Ministry training class will be considering the subject of Using Mental health Professionals and other Community Resources. In this

presentation they will be discovering the many and varied resources that exist in our community to help meet people's specific needs. Please pray for the Stephen Ministry program, all the trainees and Leaders as they continue to learn more about caring for those needing an encouraging and supportive Stephen Minister.

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.

“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 - March 22, 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.

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

Mosquito Netting Outreach (Anglican Church Women) – 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.. 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. Please contact Mary Anne Armstrong (403-271-2285) or Joan Hanna (403-252-0393).

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.

The **Fisherman's Catch** Newsletter is available in the Narthex this morning. Please sign the sheets available to indicate that you have picked one up, as we will be mailing a copy to all who did not receive one this morning.

Thomas: Confessions of a Doubter: A one-man, one-hour long play from Randall Wiebe (of the Passion play in Drumheller), this is a big picture look at the life of Jesus and his Apostles. It explores what it might have been like to follow Jesus in first century Palestine and the still relevant questions of how one deals with issues of faith and doubt. **Sunday, April 11 at 1:30 p.m.** at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 1121-14 Ave. SW Calgary. An all-ages entertainment offered for free to the public (donations accepted).

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.

“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.

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 Statia or Leon at 403-242-1332 or leon-statia@shaw.ca

Radio Nights present: A dramatic reading of Eugene Stickland’s play: **Queen Lear**. Starring the original cast from the Pumphouse Theatre: Joyce Doolittle and Georgina Beaty, and with the direction of Vanessa Porteous, Queen Lear tells the story of an aging actress who has employed a young girl to help her memorize her lines. Musing on the different stages of life that both women exemplify, this is a beautiful and touching story about the strength of the female spirit. Tickets are \$15 at the door. **Friday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church at 1121-14 Ave. SW Calgary, AB.

Every day is volunteer appreciation day at PWRDF! Over the last 10 weeks PWRDF staff and partners have had much to give thanks for. The generosity that has been shown by all of you in response to the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile has been tremendous. Thank you to the treasurers and secretaries who have spent hours getting those donations in, thank you parish and diocesan reps for sending the information out and rallying the networks, thank you to all who have organized bake sales, concerts, written prayers and donated your endless gifts of time, talent and creativity. We could not do it without you. To date **\$ 2,087,794.36** in donations have been received for Haiti, of which **\$ 1,990,141.21** is matchable. Thank you for all that you do, each and every day.

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. (Please have all donations to St. Peter's by April 13th as Carol Kyle will be delivering them on the morning of April 14th)

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)

Friday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
	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