

The Lord's Prayer

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Gloria in Excelsis

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn 427 HE who would valiant be

Monks Gate

Postlude

Praeludium in E-flat, BWV 552 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

After the 10:30 service, please stay for tea and coffee in the parish hall. The hall is just out the door near the pulpit and up the concrete walk. There is a wheelchair ramp off the Maitland Street side of the hall.

Upcoming Services and Events in the Round Church

Sunday, February 11 at 12 noon: There will be a potluck luncheon immediately following the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion in thanksgiving for the loving care of Fr. Purchase.

Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30-6pm in the Parish Hall (2221 Maitland Street): The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be served. The meal includes pancakes, sausages, coffee/juice, and dessert. \$7 Adults, \$5 Children. All proceeds go to the Parish general fund.

Ash Wednesday, February 14:

6:30am Morning Prayer with Litany

7am Said Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

10am Said Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

7pm Choral Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes

Services today

8 am Holy Communion begins on p 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Collect, Epistle & Gospel for today are on pages 134-136.

The Introit Psalm and the Gradual Psalm are printed in this bulletin.

10 am Morning Prayer begins on page 6 of the Prayer Book.

Lessons: Genesis 27:1-40; 1 Corinthians 6:12-end. Psalms 42 & 43.

5 pm Evensong begins on page 18 of the Prayer Book.

Lessons: Genesis 37; Luke 10:25-37. Psalm 81.

To learn more about worship, outreach, Sunday School, music, and events at St George's, visit our website: www.roundchurch.ca



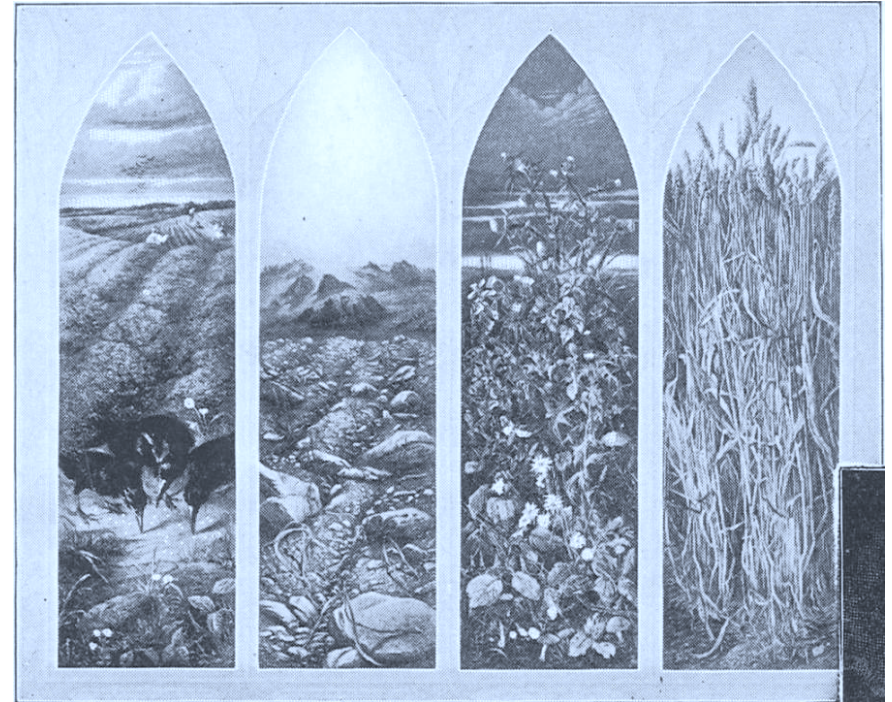
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The Sunday Called Sexagesima

February 4, 2018



Parable of the Sower (ign.). H. L. Robert (ign.). Illustration (Original medium unknown)

Welcome!

Who are we? In response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Parish of Saint George offers a unique combination of traditional Anglican worship and a commitment to Inner-City Ministry. Open to the community that surrounds it, Saint George's dares to be shaped by the Inner City, yet seeks to transform our neighbourhood by preaching, in Word and action, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Come join us in worship, fellowship and outreach ministry.

10:30 am Choral Holy Communion

Mass setting: Mass for five voices – William Byrd (1538-1623)

Creed & Gloria: John Merbecke (1510-1585)

Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy

Opening Hymn 103 ALMIGHTY GOD, thy word is cast *Albano*

Introit Psalm 44:24-27 *tone V.1*



UP, LORD, why *sleep-est*^thou? /
awake, and be not absent from us for e-ver.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face, /
and forgettest our mise-ry and trou-ble?

For our soul is brought low, even unto the *dust*: /
our body cleaveth *un-to* the ground.

Arise, and help us, / and deliver us for thy me-rcy's^sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son*, / and to the Ho-ly^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and e-ver shall be, /
world with-out end. A-men.

Please kneel

The Lord's Prayer and Collect for Purity *p. 67*

The Summary of the Law *pp. 69-70*

The Kyrie *p. 70*

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

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

The Collect *p. 134*

Please sit

The Epistle (2 Corinthians 11:21) *pp. 134-135*

Please stand

Gradual Psalm 17:6-9

tone I.2



I HAVE CALLED upon thee, O God, for thou shalt *hear* me: /
incline thine ear to me, and hearken un-to my~ words~.

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, thou that art the Saviour of them
that put their trust in thee, / from such as re-sist thy right~ hand~.

Keep me as the apple of *an* eye; / hide me under the sha-*dow* of thy~ wings~.

From the ungodly that trou-ble me, / even mine enemies that compass me
round about to take a-way my~ soul~.

The Holy Gospel (St Luke 8:4) *pp. 135-136*

The Nicene Creed *pp. 71-72*

The Sermon *The Rev'd Canon James Purchase*

Offertory Hymn 572 O JESUS, I have promised *Thornbury*

After the biddings, please kneel

The Prayer of Intercession & Invitation to Confession *pp. 75-76*

The Confession *p. 77*

The Absolution, Comfortable Words, & Thanksgiving *pp. 77-78*

The Sanctus and Benedictus *p. 81*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of
the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration & Pax *pp. 82-83*

The Prayer of Humble Access *pp. 83-84*

The Agnus Dei *p. 84*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. (bis).
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us. (*repeat*).
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

The Anglican Church of Canada welcomes communicant members of all Churches who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, to receive Holy Communion in faith, hope and charity.

Communion Hymn 498 LORD, thy Word abideth *Ravenshaw*

Communion Motet *Almighty God, the fountain* – Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom,
who knowest our necessities before we ask,
and our ignorance in asking;
we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities;
and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not,
and for our blindness we cannot ask,
vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper- It's happening

The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held in the Parish Hall (2221 Maitland Street) on Tuesday, February 13 from 4:30-6pm. The meal will include pancakes, sausages, coffee/juice, and dessert. \$7 Adults, \$5 Children.

All proceeds go to the Parish general fund.

Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Canon Jim Purchase

On Sunday, February 11th, the parish as a whole will gather for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 Choral Holy Communion in thanksgiving for the loving care of Father Purchase. This will be Father Purchase's final Sunday as our Priest in Charge. It would be hard to overestimate all that he has done for our parish, both as Priest in Charge - for three lengthy periods! - and as Assistant Priest during the Rectorship of Father Westhaver and Father Snook. This is our opportunity to offer our thanks and warm best wishes. Come along and bring something to share if you are able to do so. Donations from parishioners toward a purse for Father Purchase are welcome. If you are writing a cheque, please make it out to St. George's Church with a note in the memo section saying "Gift for Father Purchase" and put it on the Collection Plate.

Fellowship – Volunteers needed

We need help making Fellowship happen! (Fellowship is the hour-or-so of food and coffee after the 10:30 Sunday service of Choral Holy Communion) If you're interested in helping to set up for fellowship, serve, and clean up, please talk to Mary Hills.

The Parish AGM – Sunday, February 25

The Parish AGM is on February 25th after the 10:30am service of Choral Holy Communion. If you have not yet submitted a report for the Annual Report, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks to everyone who has already submitted their reports.

Counters of Offering Urgently Needed

Every week, usually early on Sunday afternoons, two – sometimes three – people count and deposit the week's offerings. Our numbers have diminished recently and we need replacements. The more volunteers we have for the job, the less often each individual need be called upon. If you would like to observe the process with a view to becoming a counter, please contact Elizabeth Haigh at evhaigh@eastlink.ca.



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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Sun – PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi The Most Rev'd Martin Nyaboho Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba
Mon – Arochukwu/Ohafia - (Aba, Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Johnson Onuoha
Tue – Aru - (Congo) The Rt Rev'd Georges Titre Ande
Wed – Asaba - (Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt Rev'd Justus Mogeckwu
Thu – Asante-Mampong - (Ghana, West Africa) The Rt Rev'd Cyril Ben-Smith
Fri – Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) The Rt Rev'd Fraser Lawton
Sat – Atlanta - (IV, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Rev'd Robert C Wright

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Prince Edward Island

Retired Clergy in the Prince Edward Island Region: The Rev'd Ann Bush, The Rev'd Canon James Ibbott, The Rev'd Ted Morgan, The Rev'd Lorraine Quinn, The Rev'd Douglas Sherren, The Rev'd Deacon Al Meloche, The Rev'd Madonna Fradsham, The Rev'd Ken Williams.

Widows: Mrs. Catherine Tuck. Mrs. Barbara Wagner.

Prayer Partner Ministry: St. Timothy's, Hatchet Lake

Pray for the Sick: Susan, James, Donnie, Ann, Dave, Susan, Richard.

For Continuing Prayers: Brian, Catherine, Lowell, Dick, Ken, David, Catriona, Ann, Patricia, Stephen, Barbara, Barbara, Shonna, and Fr. Christopher.

For Those in Special Need: The Almasalma Family, Tiffany and baby, Hubert.

For the Faithful Departed: William Innis ('08), Fr. Donald Ruggles ('18), Fr. Michael Boyd ('13), Cyric Eric Matthews ('07), Rita Hill ('17), Joanne Marie Lawson Bezanson ('17), and Georgina Loretta Myles ('06).



St. George's Anglican Church

Notices & Announcements
February 4, 2018

The Sunday called Sexagesima

Worship schedule

Daily Offices (All services will be held in the Round Church until June 4, 2018)

✠**Morning Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 9 am

✠**Evening Prayer:** Mon – Fri, 5:30 pm

Said Holy Communion: Wed, 10 am; Sun, 8 am

Choral Holy Communion: Sun, 10:30 am

Evensong: Sunday, 5 pm

Soup Kitchen Update

Last Week, January 27: Team 4 led by Jacquie de Mestral and Matthew Vanderkwaak. Food and volunteers came from St. Paul's Anglican; 100 were served

Yesterday, February 3: Team 5 led by Leona Sweeney. Food and volunteers came from Bedford Baptist; 99 were served.

Next Week, February 10: Team 6 led by Debbie Davidson. Food will come from St. John's United.

If you are interested in volunteering with the soup kitchen, please contact the Parish Office (ph: 902 423 1059; e: office@roundchurch.ca)

Lessons for the week of Sexagesima

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Mon	Gen. 18; Matt. 19:16-20:16	Gen. 19:1-3, 12-29; Rom. 7
Tue	Gen. 21; Matt. 20:17-end	Gen. 22:1-19; Rom. 8:1-17
Wed	Gen. 23; Matt. 21:1-22	Gen. 24:1-28; Rom. 8:18-end
Thu	Gen. 24:29-end; Matt. 21:23-end	Gen. 25:7-11, 19-end; Rom. 9
Fri	Gen. 26:1-5, 12-end; Matt. 22:1-33	Gen. 27: 1-40; Rom. 10
Sat	Gen. 27:41-28:9; Matt. 22:34-23:12	Gen. 29:1-20; Rom. 11

A Sermon for Sexagesima Sunday (and the Purification of Our Lady)

by Dr. Robert Crouse

St. James' Church, Halifax, February 7, 1988

"The seed is the word of God... that on the good ground are they who hearing the word keep it and bring forth fruit with patience."

(Luke 8.11-15)

"For thus saith the Lord to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: Break up anew your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns."

(Jeremiah 4.3)

The three Sundays before Lent, Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima, constitute a time of preparation; and the Scripture lessons appointed for these Sundays have the purpose of preparing our minds and hearts for the spiritual undertaking which lies before us in the season of Lent – our spiritual pilgrimage, our spiritual journey with Jesus to Jerusalem.

Thus, on the first of these Sundays – Septuagesima – the lessons impress upon us the urgency of our task. We are like athletes, says St. Paul, striving for a prize: the incorruptible crown of life eternal; and, like athletes, he says, we must discipline our lives and concentrate our powers; not as fighters who beat aimlessly against thin air. The Gospel lesson for that Sunday likens us to workers in a vineyard. Some are called early to work, and some are called late; some even at the last, eleventh hour. But all labour for the one, everlasting reward, which God gives freely, of his own goodness, to those he calls. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" that is the message of Septuagesima. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." "Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." It is an urgent summons to every one of us: a summons to strive earnestly to overcome the lethargy of spirit which impedes us; to undertake with zeal the labour of spiritual awakening and enlightenment. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Great is the challenge, and great is the reward.

Now, today's lessons instruct us further in the meaning of this undertaking. In the Epistle Lesson, St. Paul speaks of those perils which impede us and distract us from our goal: not just external things; not just "weariness and painfulness"; but, "besides those things which are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the

churches". Not just external circumstances, but our legitimate cares and duties, and our own inner weaknesses. "Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended, and I burn not?" It's not easy for any one of us, but the trials and infirmities are to be embraced as the very stuff of glory: "If I must needs, glory" says St. Paul, "I will glory in the things which concern my infirmities".

The Gospel Lesson for today explains all this further, by way of one of Jesus' parables: a story which uses visible and tangible, familiar things symbolically to draw our minds to consider spiritual truths. In today's story, God is himself the sower, who spreads far and wide the seed, which is His word: by the wayside, on the rocks, and among thorns, as well as on the ploughed field. His word goes forth, freely and generously, into all the world, to the Jews and to the Gentiles; he is manifest to the shepherds and the wise men; his word is everywhere proclaimed; the good seed is broadcast everywhere.

Some falls upon the wayside, the hard unbroken ground, trodden on by the feet of all who pass. So the word of God is preached to hardened souls; whose sterile and unyielding minds and hearts will not open to receive a divine or sacred word, whose wills are stubbornly committed to all the demons – all the fads and fancies, all the manifold preoccupations – of the present age.

Some seed falls on rocky ground, where it finds no root, and quickly withers. These are those who hear the word, and receive it superficially, but will not give it roots of understanding and commitment, and there cannot persevere through difficulties.

Still other seed falls among thorns, which, Jesus tells us, are the "cares, and riches, and pleasures of this life", which can choke and suffocate the spirit's life within us. The tender plant needs space in which to grow. The word of God cannot thrive as just one concern among others, but must be cultivated and tended as the central focus of our lives.

And so, we are called to make good the soil of our own souls, to cultivate the word of God within us, with understanding and devotion – deeply, and not just superficially; to practice our religion with steadiness of purpose, and thus "to bring forth fruit with patience". Renewed attentiveness to the word of God, renewed commitment to the practice of religion, to prayer and works of charity: that is the challenge of today's scriptures, and that is precisely the challenge of the Lenten season for which these lessons are intended to prepare us. Next Sunday's lesson will complete the prescription, reminding us that all our

striving, all our struggles, without charity are nothing worth, and setting before us the charity of Christ as he sets out for Jerusalem to die and rise again. But just now, for this week, the emphasis is on the conflict and the perils that beset our spiritual quest, and I think that seems a particularly timely consideration to many of us in the church these days.

Each year, at this season, we keep the festival of the Purification of St. Mary, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, sometimes called Candlemas. The festival was last Tuesday, but there are echoes of it in today's liturgy, and the message of that festival may serve to reinforce the message of today's lessons. On Candlemas, we celebrate St. Mary's presentation of the infant Christ in the Temple at Jerusalem, according to the ceremonies prescribed in ancient Jewish Law. Jesus is hailed by the aged Simeon as the light of all the world: "A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel".

The Holy Mother Mary, who is the symbol of the church presents the infant Christ, the eternal Word of God, in the temples of our souls. Those temples are to be sanctuaries of his presence, the altars of offering and sacrifice, "in spirit and in truth". Here in this holy Sacrament, Christ, the Word of God, is presented in the temples of our souls. The seed of God's word is planted there: in honest and good hearts. May we keep that word, cherish and cultivate that word, and "bring forth fruit with patience".

As a hymn for the Feast of the Purification puts it:

O Light of all the world

Thy children wait for thee;

Come to thy temples here,

That we, from sin set free,

Before thy Father's face

May all presented be.

Amen.