

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



March 16, 2025

10:30 am

"Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart. Audacious longing, burning songs, daring thoughts, an impulse overwhelming the heart, usurping the mind—these are all a drive towards serving the One who rings our heart like a bell."

—Abraham Joshua Heschel

## Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**All      Glory to God for ever and ever.**

*The Gathering Hymn is announced*

## Gathering Hymn - *Here in This Place* (CP 465)

1. Here in this place new light is streaming  
Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken  
Gather us in the blind and the lame  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken  
We shall arise at the sound of your name.
2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery  
We are the old, who yearn for your face  
We have been sung throughout all of history  
Called to be light to the whole human race  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly  
Give us the courage to enter the song.
3. Here we will take the wine and the water  
Here we will take the bread of new birth  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion  
Give us to eat the bread that is you  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining  
Not in some heaven, light years away  
But here in this place the new light is shining  
Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever  
Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone

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Presider May God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Holy One,

**All you know our hearts,**

**our hopes and fears,**

**our joys and sorrows,**

**all our daily challenges.**

**In your mercy help us.**

**By your Spirit inspire and deepen your love in us.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day** *(the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)*

Presider Faithful God,

You are our light and salvation, our stronghold in  
times of trouble.

Help us to walk by faith and trust in Your promises.

Transform our hearts that we may stand firm in Your love.

Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## Gathering of Children

*Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table at the rear of the sanctuary during this time.*

Presider Loving God,  
All as we gather together, we pray for open hearts and minds.  
Help us all—children, leaders, and every one of us—  
to grow in faith, love, and understanding.  
May your Spirit guide us, and may your love unite us,  
now and always. Amen.

## Kyrie - Lord Have Mercy - Mass of St. Mary Magdalene

Cantor; All repeat      Cantor; All repeat      Cantor; All repeat

Lord, have mer - cy.      Christ, have mer - cy.      Lord, have mer - cy.

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## Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

All **Our hearts and minds are open**

### First Reading - *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm - Psalm 27



1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?
2. One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to inquire in his temple.
3. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

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## Second Reading - *Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying  
All **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading*

## Gospel Acclamation - *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*



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Reader May God be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

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

Gospel – *Luke 13:31-35*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

### Affirming Our Faith

Presider: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.  
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Source of Life. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

## Confession & Absolution

Presider The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*We keep a moment of quiet for reflection.*

Presider God of all mercy,  
**All we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have  
done, and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our  
Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

## Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.  
**All And also with you.**

*The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries*

## Offertory

*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.  
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give  
through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer, you're welcome to use a  
blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.*

## Offertory Hymn - *Make Your Home in Me* (OCP 352)

Verses



1. Ev - ery fox, a den; ev - ery bird, a nest; but the  
2. Lord, you come to me in your home - less - ness; burn - ing

1. Son of Man has no place to rest. Ev - ery heart, a man; ev - ery  
2. in your eyes, such a great dis - tress. Who will heal your wounds? Who will

1. king, a throne; but the Word Made Flesh, no earth - ly home.  
2. make your bed? I will com - fort you, I will share my bread.

Refrain



Your bur - den's light and your yoke is eas - y. Your name is  
love and your grace is free. My heart was locked but  
you had the key. Make your home in me,  
make your home in me.

### Bridge

Where there is love, there is no fear.  
So, make your home and residence here.

I'm so alive when you are near,  
so, make your home in me.

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## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of wisdom,  
**All may the light of your eternal Word,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
illumine our hearts and guide us to your glory.  
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

## Celebration of our Sacred Meal

### The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Presider Open your hearts.  
**All We open them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**All We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Cosmic Artist, you made our world ---  
beautiful, wholesome, and good.  
You made us to live in right relationship  
with you and all creation.

You sent Jesus to live among us  
and show us what you are like.  
We bring our grateful, worshipping hearts to you,  
our awesome God.  
You formed the earth and all that dwells here,  
the seas below and the skies above.  
You crafted all creatures and inspired them,  
animating all with your Spirit of love.

Therefore, you alone are worthy of glory, honour and praise.  
And so, we join with the heavenly beings  
and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus - Holy - Mass of St. Mary Magdalene



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Presider Indeed, all glory and honour are yours,  
our true and loving God.  
Of your grace you sent Jesus to live among us,  
to share our humanity and daily life,  
to proclaim the coming of justice and peace,  
and to give himself for us.  
Through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to you  
and restored to the goodness you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with  
his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it  
to them, saying,

*“Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup of wine.  
Again, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying,

*“Drink it, all of you.  
This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and  
all people. Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

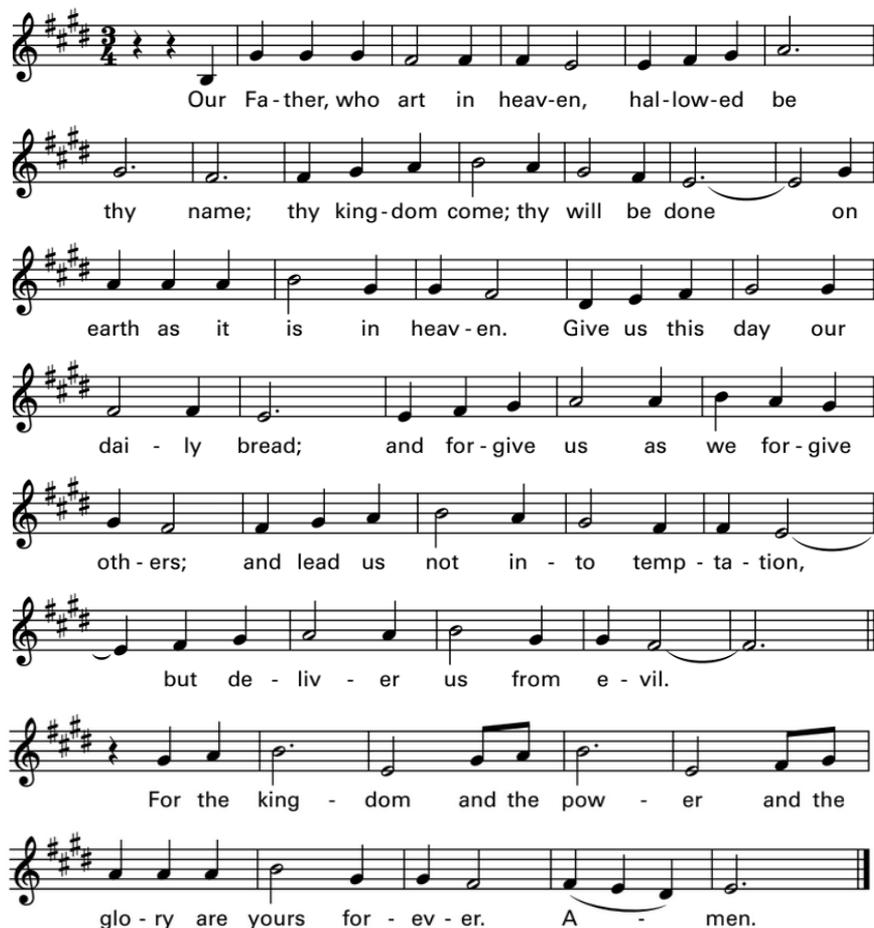
And so, we remember:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory,  
we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
so that we who share this bread and wine  
may live in your hope, seek your peace,  
further your joy and share your love.

Draw us together in Christ,  
and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, our God and Creator,  
and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

# Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be  
thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give  
oth-ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,  
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.  
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the  
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.

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# The Breaking of the Bread

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,  
mer - cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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## The Invitation

Presider Christ whose table was open to all,  
is now present in this bread.

Christ whose word welcomed friend and stranger  
offers friendship through this cup.

All **With people everywhere we affirm  
God's goodness at the heart of humanity,**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God

All **Thanks be to God.**

# The Distribution

*At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.*

## Communion Hymn - Bless the Lord My Soul (OCP 402)

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics for this line are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, including guitar chords. The treble clef staff shows the melody with lyrics underneath. Above the staff, guitar chords are indicated: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, and Dm. The lyrics for this line are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

# Communion Hymn - *High Above Our Way* (OCP 243)

Verses



1, 4. There's a love that is great - er than my own; there's a  
2. There's a mer - cy that's wid - er than my own; there's a  
3. There is wa - ter for ev - ery thirst - y soul; there is



1, 4. spir - it that brings me back to life. There's a  
2. hope ev - ery sin - ner can be saved. There's a  
3. bread that will tru - ly sat - is - fy. There's a



1, 4. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can  
2. pow - er that rolls a - way the stone that is  
3. seed that's been plant - ed in my soul that can



1, 4. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.  
2. on - ly found in the light of Christ.  
3. on - ly grow in the light of Christ.

1: to Vs. 2  
2-4: to Refrain

Refrain



High a - bove our way is the mind of God, love much great - er



than my own. In - to your hands I com - mend



my life; true love is found in Christ a - lone.

1: to Vs. 3  
2: to Bridge

## ***Bridge***

All you who wander, come and see.  
All you who labor, come find peace.  
Lay down your burden and be free;  
come to the Lord. (*Repeat, then to Verse 4*)

## Moment of Silence

*Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.*

## Prayer after Communion

Presider Creator of heaven and earth,  
**All we give thanks for these holy mysteries,  
a foretaste of the life to come.  
Nourished by this sacred meal,  
may we go forth in faith and love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,  
**All whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Announcements

## Blessing

Presider God of all grace, whose love desires the flourishing of all,  
send us out to witness to this transforming power  
and to be agents of such amazing Grace, and the  
blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Giver of Life,  
be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *I Have Called You By Your Name (MV 161)*

1. I have called you by your name, you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
  
2. I will help you learn my name as you go;  
read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.
  
3. I know you will need my touch as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
  
4. I have given you a name, it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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Minister     Go in peace and share God's love.  
All            **Thanks be to God.**

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# NEWS & NOTES

## Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

This service is a Bible Study and Communion all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

### Wooden Crosses

Once again, small wooden crosses are available, made from wood from St. Catherines, by Bernie Poitras, Cost - \$5.00

Proceeds will go toward the cost of doing the drain tile on the North side of the church building.



### Phoenix Friends Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:30 - 3:00 pm

**ALL WOMEN** are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship.

### St. Catherine's Book Club

The book Club meets from **2:00-4:00 pm**  
**on the third Tuesday of the month**  
in the church lounge.

**Next Meeting - March 18, 2025**

New members are always welcome!.

Book Club selections for 2025 are available on the website



## Senior Men's Lunch

**Next date: Thursday, March 20, 2025**

**11:30 - 1:00 pm**

The senior men meet once a month at

**Ricky's Country Restaurant,**

**100 Schoolhouse Street**

for good food and conversation.

In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the lunch please contact Derek Walmsley @ 604-942-8788 or email - [dgwfotos@gmail.com](mailto:dgwfotos@gmail.com) if you are planning on attending.



## ignYte - Coming Events

**Wed., Mar. 19**

ignYte @ GSL

**Wed., Mar 26**

ignYte @ St. L

**Sat., Mar. 29**

Bingo Night CLAY Fundraiser



## **CLAY FUNDRAISER - FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!**



Help the youth of St Laurence and Good Shepherd go to the CLAY conference this summer in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and join us for a fun-filled bingo night with family and friends! Hope you can join us :)

- **Where – St Laurence Anglican Church**
- **When – March 29, 6-8 pm**
- **All ages welcome!**
- **Cost is \$10 per person, \$20 for a family  
*(we will be taking cash at the door)***
- **Please RSVP to [sophiamcrobbie@gmail.com](mailto:sophiamcrobbie@gmail.com) or [jamcrobbie@gmail.com](mailto:jamcrobbie@gmail.com) or come see Sophia or Jill after the service to let us know you're coming**
- **Baked goods and drinks will be available!  
Prizes will be given to the winners!**



## **Women's Retreat**

### **In All Things Give Thanks: Developing the Art of Gratitude**

Come spend a wonderful weekend in a beautiful and relaxed place.

This retreat is an opportunity to reconnect with ourselves, find community in each other, and enjoy great food, with time for reflection, fun and laughter. This year we will be joined by Kathy McDuff. Kathy is an artist, graphic designer and journalist who captures her artistic passions within her signature program, Creative Journaling. We'll be using Creative Journaling to explore the power of gratitude in our lives.

This is a women's event, so feel free to invite a friend, sister, mother - any woman you would like to share a retreat experience with.

You can register on-line or download a registration from the website. For more info, contact Heather Esposito or the church office.

## A Blessing for the Journey

"May you be blessed with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deeply.

May you be blessed with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that you may work for justice and peace.

May you be blessed with tears for those who suffer, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them.

And may you be blessed with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you may do what others claim cannot be done."

—A Franciscan Blessing

# Want coffee?

ignYte is running a coffee sales fundraiser over the season of Lent. You can put in an order for locally roasted, small-batch coffee (or hot chocolate) online at:

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