



St. George on Yonge Anglican

February 21, 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Ministry of the Word



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The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Opening Hymn #175 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Text by George Hunt Smyttan

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| 1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled: | 4 So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor’s joy. |
| 2 burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed. | 5 Saviour, may we hear your voice—
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide. |
| 3 Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell? | |

Greeting

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

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Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered^[a] for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you^[b] to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for^[c] a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1–9

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| <p>1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.</p> <p>2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in
their schemes.</p> <p>3 Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.</p> <p>4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.</p> <p>5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and
love,
for they are from everlasting.</p> | <p>6 Remember not the sins of my youth and
my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O
Lord.</p> <p>7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his
way.</p> <p>8 He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.</p> <p>9 All the paths of the Lord are love and
faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.</p> |
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God of compassion and love, forgive our sins, relieve our misery, satisfy our longing, and fulfil all our hopes for peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.

People **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

Celebrant We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

People **Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life; You have the words of everlasting life.**

Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:9–15

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Subdeacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

Solo

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. Amen**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

People **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.**

Blessing**Announcements****Dismissal**

Subdeacon Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #564 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

Text by James Edmeston

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| <p>1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.</p> | <p>3 Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.</p> |
| <p>2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.</p> | |

Today's Scripture Readings**First Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Pet 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings**Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:22-30

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 9:2-9

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