



**The First Sunday
in Lent
All Ages Eucharist
Sunday, February 22nd, 2026**

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Please ensure that your cell phone is turned off or in the mute position.

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel and Children of the Church School*

Lighting of the Candles

Child: There was once someone who said such wonderful things, and who did such amazing things, people started to follow him. One day, these people just had to ask: “Who are you?” And Jesus said “I am the Light...”

Two children will light the altar candles.

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Processional Hymn: #175 – “FORTY DAYS & FORTY NIGHTS”

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild,
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled,
prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed.

Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy,
Christ who conquered, be our guard; give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

✠ The Penitential Rite

Child 1: Thank you, God, for forgiving us.

People: **You are always kind and merciful.**

Child 2: When we worship, we should always tell God that we are sorry for the things we have done that God doesn't want us to do.

Soloist: “I graciously will teach you the way that you should go,
and, with my eye upon you, help you my counsel know.
Then do not be unruly or slow to understand;
be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.”

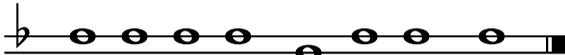
All: **The sorrows of the wicked increase from year to year,
but those who trust the Lord God know love instead of fear.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice;
be glad in God, you righteous: rejoice, O saints, rejoice!**

*The Gospel is processed silently into the aisle
where it will be read by children of the church school.*

The Gospel

Child 1 The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**

Child 2: This is the Good News of Jesus, as recorded by Matthew.



People: Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Child 1: After Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit led him into the desert for forty days and forty nights. He fasted, eating almost no food. After the forty days were over, he was very hungry.

Child 2: Then Satan came to tempt Jesus three times. Satan knew Jesus was hungry. “If you are the Son of God, turn stones into bread,” he said, wanting Jesus to use his power for selfish reasons.

Child 1: Jesus resisted the temptation. He replied with a verse from Scripture, “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Child 2: Then the devil took him to the top of the Temple in Jerusalem. “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from this temple and God will command his angels to save you,” said the devil. He wanted to make Jesus doubt God’s promise to care for him.

Child 1: Jesus resisted the temptation. Again, he quoted Scripture saying, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”

Child 2: Finally, the devil took him to a very high mountain where they could see all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said to Jesus: “All these I will give to you if you bow down and worship me, instead of God.” He wanted Jesus’ to be devoted to him and his ways.

Child 1: Jesus resisted this final temptation, too. He shouted: “Away with you, Satan! Worship the Lord your God and serve only him.” Jesus said this by quoting Scripture once more.

Child 2: Satan decided to leave him alone, for a while, and the angels came to Jesus to serve him. This is the Good News of Jesus!

Matthew 4.1-11

People:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Statement of Faith

There are things that we, as a Church, believe in together, so we name them each week in worship.

We believe in one God, who made all that we can see and things we can’t see.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who was God in human flesh.

We believe that Mary gave birth to him and that he lived among us, teaching us the ways of God and showing the power of God, through healing, forgiving and in miraculous signs.

He gave his life on the cross, without striking back with anger or hatred.

He died and rose again, showing that God is more powerful even than death.

He sent his Holy Spirit to be with us, to guide us and strengthen us.

He has brought many different people together through baptism, into one Church, a community that includes those who have gone before us into eternal life.

We believe that God forgives our sins and will raise us with Jesus, even after death.

We believe Jesus will come again, so we do our best to follow his way while we wait.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel or be seated

Led by the children

Child 1: Let us pray for our church, our world and our own needs, trusting God to hear us and do what is best.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 2: We pray for our church. Thank you God for St. John's and for all the people who make up our church. Help us to be the kind of place where people can see Jesus. Help us be the kind of people that remind others of Jesus.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 1: We pray for our world, especially for people who are suffering because of war, poverty or hunger. Change our hearts so we can be kinder, more forgiving and share more of what we have with those who don't have enough.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 2: We pray for those who are sick and those who have asked us to pray for them. Please God, bless those who need healing in their bodies or minds. Help those who are caring for them. Let us name those we want to pray for, out loud, or in our hearts. *(pause for a few seconds)*. Let us pray.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Child 1: We can't just pray for things we need. We also need to thank God for everything he has already given to us! So, we thank you God for all who love and care for us. Thank you for places to live and food to eat. Thank you for this beautiful world with all the plants and animals that share it. Thank you for living in this world, through your Son Jesus.

All: **Lord, thank you for everything!**

Mikayla's Prayer:

Child 2: And now we use this ancient song of Lent to ask God to show us mercy.

Lenten Prose

All join the Cantor in singing:



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a - gainst thee.

Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings; listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

All sing the refrain.

Cantor: O thou chief corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father, Way of salvation, Gate of life celestial; cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

All sing the refrain.

Cantor: God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated, bow down and hearken to thy weeping children; pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

All sing the refrain.

Cantor: Sins oft committed now we lay before thee; with true contrition, now no more we veil them; grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

All sing the refrain.

Cantor: Innocent captive, taken unresisting, falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced; save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

All sing the refrain.



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a - gainst thee.

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of its members.
We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Hymn: (AAH#348) – “SOMEBODY’S KNOCKIN’”

Remain standing and sing

Somebody’s knockin’ at your door; Somebody’s knockin’ at your door;
O sinner, why don’t you answer? O sinner, why don’t you answer?
Somebody’s knockin’ at your door.

Knocks like Jesus, somebody’s knockin’ at your door;
Knock like Jesus, somebody’s knockin’ at your door;
O sinner, why don’t you answer? Somebody’s knockin’ at your door.

Can't you hear Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Can't you hear Him? Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Jesus calls you, Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

Can't you trust Him? Somebody'd knockin' at your door;
Can't you trust Him? Somebody'd knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knockin' at your door.

The children who wish may join Fr. Jim at the altar for the Great Thanksgiving.

✠ **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: Jesus came to show us how we can love you, Father, by loving one another. He came to take away sin, which separates us from God and each other. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to give us light and show us the way to be your children. The night before he died, Jesus showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his friends, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. Then he broke the bread and he shared it with his friends saying: Take this, all of you, and eat it; this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.

(A child will raise the ciborium with the bread)

Priest: When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup that was filled with wine. He thanked you, gave it to his friends, and said: Drink from this, all of you, this is the cup of my blood, shed for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this to remember me.

(A child will raise the chalice with the wine)

Priest: And so, we share this bread and wine, to remember who Jesus is, to remember that we are his friends and to remember that he asked his friends to love one another. And now, let us sing together the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

*During the season of Lent, the Lord's Prayer,
normally sung, will simply be spoken.*

The Lord's Prayer

All sing

**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.**

Priest: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are worshipping with us from home, please join us in this act of Eucharist, by offering with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion:

The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.

Online: Holy One, in times of exile, you always remained close to your people, sustaining them in faith, by your Word and Spirit. Help me to feast on your Word, and uphold me by your Spirit, until I can again partake of your Body and Blood. I pray in Jesus' name.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

The Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: (Universal Praise #556) – “JESUS BIDS US SHINE”

All sing

Jesus bids us shine, with a pure clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night;
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for Him
Well He sees and knows it if our light grows dim;
He looks down from Heaven to see us shine
You in your small corner and I in mine.

Jesus bids us shine, then, for all around,
Many kinds of darkness in the world abound;
Sin and want and sorrow, so we must shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.

Communion Hymn: (AAHH #335) - "JESUS LOVES ME, THIS I KNOW"

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me he who died heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way.
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for thee.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Children's Song: - "REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS"

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice...rejoice...and again I say rejoice!
Rejoice...rejoice...and again I say rejoice!

Clap your hands, stomp your feet! Everybody sing this song with me!
Clap your hands, stomp your feet! Everybody sing this song with me!

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is our Word of life. We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn: (SING #351)– “I GOT THE JOY” (v. 1, 2)

I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! (*Where?*)

Down in my heart! (*Where?*) Down in my heart!

I got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

And I'm so happy! So very happy! I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

And I'm so happy! So very happy! I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart (*Where?*)

Down in my heart! (*Where?*) Down in my heart!

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart, down in my heart to stay!

And I'm so happy! So very happy! I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

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Dispersing the Light:

The children will extinguish the altar candles

Child 1: Jesus did and said wonderful and amazing things. Remember how he said, "I am the Light?" This Light couldn't stay in just that time, in just that place, or with just those people, so the Light changed.

(candles are extinguished on the altar)

Child 2: The Light was passed to us, so it could be in all times, in all places, and with all people. Including here, today.

“Alleluia” is omitted during the season of Lent.

Child 3: Go and carry the Light of forgiveness into a world that needs forgiving.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday, February 24th

7:00 p.m. - Zoom Bible Study – online

Wednesday, February 25th

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist- with Bible Study to follow– in church/ online

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Vespers

Thursday, February 26th

10:00 a.m. - Online Prayer Group - online

Sunday, March 1, 2026 - The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (B.C.P.) - in church

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist – (B.A.S.) – in church/online

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are given to the Glory of God, and in memory of my treasured Ainslie Eden on his 85th heavenly birthday, as placed by Karena Stallan.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR (Mississauga Deanery of Prayer) Trinity St. Paul's, Port Credit and the Reverend Canon Jim Woolley **(Our Parish Cycle of Prayer)** Layreaders of St. John's **(Sick/ Suffering)** Ethel Reid, Kevin Kinsella, Audley Carter, Bob Rivard, Susan Finlay, Don Latimer, Maureen McIlroy, Alice Dods, and Lorraine Piotrowski. **(Deceased)** Ainslie Eden

MISSISSAUGA FOOD BANK – The church is collecting for the Mississauga Food Bank for the month of **February**. Please be sure to check the expiry dates on items. They may be left at the back of the church.

VESTRY MEETING – Our Annual Vestry meeting on Sunday March 8th after the 10 am service. We will be having a potluck luncheon before the meeting. As the meeting is to be held in the downstairs room, we ask that you register for this event as space is limited. We have a sign-up sheet for the meeting as well as the potluck. We would like to only serve finger foods so that people may make a plate and attend the meeting.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – We are asking for assistance with the coffee hour. The church will continue to supply the coffee, tea and condiments. It would be appreciated if people could assist us in supplying the snacks or treats. Please sign up on the sheets provided on the table outside the office.

LENTEN VESPERS – Lenten Vespers will take place every Wednesday during Lent in the church at 7:00 p.m. These services will start on Wednesday, February 25th through to March 25th. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this Lenten journey. These services will also be livestreamed for those unable to join us in person.

COMPLINE AND MORNING PRAYER – For those interested, Compline and morning prayer are available on the tables outside the office and outside the church. Most Lenten disciplines are intensely private, and are chosen by individuals to address their sense of personal separation from God. In all this, we sometimes overlook the way in which whole communities can also fail to be all God has called and hoped them to be. Members of the parish are invited to undertake the recitation of Compline as a sign of this awareness. Compline is the church’s service of ‘Night Prayer’, meant to be said just before retiring. It takes about 5 minutes, and is a way of putting the day away, and commending oneself into the refreshing care of God through the night. If you would be willing to covenant to undertake this practice for the 40 days of Lent, copies of the service are available on the tables.



THE
FORTY
DAYS
of LENT



RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

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| INCUMBENT: | The Reverend Father Daniel Brereton |
| CURATE: | The Rev. Dr. Jim Leatch |
| CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: | Lori Corbett |
| TODAY'S LAYREADER: | Edith Davis |
| INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR: | Edward Cockerton |
| CHOIR LEADS: | Marianne Derow, Anthony Faure, Laurel Tubman, Derrell Woods |
| CHILDREN'S MINISTER: | Sharon Thongom |
| RECTOR'S WARDEN: | Bobby Briones |
| PEOPLE'S WARDEN: | Melanie Powell |
| DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN: | Uchenna Obi |
| DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN: | Maggy Farnell |
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