

THE SENT: GOD'S CHURCH DEPLOYED

An Anglican online presence
in the Deanery of Essex,
with parish partnerships in
the Diocese of Huron,
members of the Anglican
Church of Canada.

A Service of the Word
for

The 1st Sunday of Lent – February 18th, 2024

Opening Responary & Gathering of the Community

- One Cast your burden upon the Lord,
All and he will sustain you.
- One Create in me a clean heart, O God,
All and renew a right spirit within me.
- One Cast me not away from your presence
All and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- One Give me the joy of your saving help again
All and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- One Blessed be the Lord day by day,
All the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.
- One We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on
the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your
blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.
- All Amen.

Welcome

Opening Hymn CP 619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Confession and Absolution

- One Most merciful God,
All 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.
- One As Noah and his family were brought safely through the flood
onto dry ground, so in baptismal waters we are brought from
death into new life in Christ. Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand
of God, forgives you and reconciles you and all things in heaven
and on earth. Thanks be to God for this good news!
- All Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Ash Wednesday Collect

One Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Collect of the Day

One God of the wilderness, your Son battled with the powers of darkness and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these forty days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gradual Hymn CP615 Just As I Am

Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15

Gospel Discussion

1. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in the passage?
2. Where is the trouble/challenge/conflict in our world?
3. Where is the grace/love in the passage?
4. Where is the grace/love in our world?

Apostles' Creed

All 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.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Offering

Offertory Hymn CP 434 The Love of Jesus Call Us

One 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.

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Doxology

One 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.

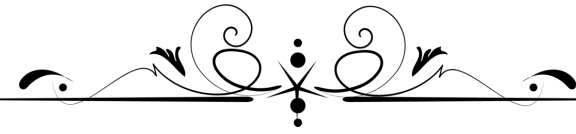
Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

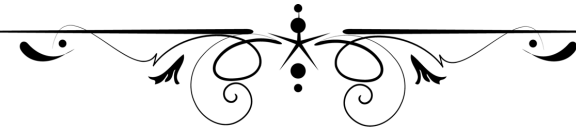
Dismissal

One As Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness, so we will spend forty days in this season of Lent. Consider, children of the covenant, the faithfulness of God, and what it means to be baptized into Christ. Live each day proclaiming the good news, in word and deed, that God is with us and the kingdom is near.
All Thanks be to God.



Announcements

Join us each week to worship in this form via Facebook Live and YouTube. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership. Please watch your emails and parish Facebook and webpage for updates going forward. Each participating parish will communicate changes as we move through this time. Please be in touch with our Chaplain Rev'd Paul or your parish priest should you need pastoral care, we are all available to offer support safely during this time. Your financial support of **The SENT: God's Church Deployed** is important to sustain this ministry in the wider world. Please tune in for details on how you can support this ministry.



Diocese of Huron Land Acknowledgement

The Diocese of Huron is situated on the ancestral beaver hunting grounds of the Algonquin, Haudenosaunee and Attawandaran peoples; the traditional and unceded lands of the Anishinaabe Peoples, of Walpole Island, Kettle Point and the Thames, the settled people's Haudenosaunee Confederacy, at the Grand River and the Thames and the Leni Lenape Delaware peoples of Moraviantown and Muncey.

First Reading: GENESIS 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

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.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

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.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

O Lord, all your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Glory be to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading: 1 PETER 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

All Thanks be to God

The Gospel MARK 1:9-15

One The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And 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. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymns

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Opening Hymn CP 619

Fairest Lord Jesus

- 1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou the Godhead's human Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the troubled heart to sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.
- 4 All fairest beauty,
heavenly and earthly,
wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
none can be nearer,
fairer, or dearer
than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Gradual Hymn CP615

Just As I Am

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am – thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down –
now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Offertory Hymn CP 434

The Love of Jesus Call Us

- 1 The love of Jesus calls us
our joyous praise to sing;
our deeply felt thanksgivings
we now together bring,
for all God's many blessings,
unasked yet still received,
and for the generations
who faithfully believed.
- 2 The love of Jesus calls us,
that we may always be
companions on a journey,
where all the world may see
that serving Christ is freedom
which time does not destroy;
where Christ's command is duty,
and every duty joy.
- 3 The love of Jesus calls us
to go where he would go,
to challenge all that limits,
to change, to learn, to grow,
to know that Christ has freed us,
that prisons are no more;
for those who seek his kingdom,
Christ opens every door.
- 4 The love of Jesus calls us
in swiftly changing days,
to be God's co-creators
in new and wondrous ways;
that God with men and women
may so transform the earth,
that love and peace and justice
may give God's kingdom birth.

Closing Hymn CP 505

Be Thou My Vision

- 1 Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art--
thou my best thought
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom,
and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father,
thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling,
and I one with thee.
- 3 Riches I heed not,
nor the world's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance,
now and always:
thou and thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of heaven,
my treasure thou art.
- 4 High King of heaven,
when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.