

4th Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
8:00 am BCP Service

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
those who follow me will have the light of life.

John 8:12



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***Serving God Together,
Acting with Compassion,
Proclaiming Hope***

The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena, Incumbent
The Rev. Maria Nightingale, Associate/Chaplain to Seniors
The Rev. Canon Jim Ferry, Honorary Assistant
The Rev. Canon David Long, Honorary Assistant
The Rev. Robert Townshend, Deacon

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Participating in Today's Service

Officiant	The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Gospeller & Preacher	The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena
Reader	Dean Hess
Responses	Michael Wong
Zoom Host	Michael Phillips
Sidesperson	Alison Morsley (Zoom)

This Week at St. Peter's

Monday	9:30 am – Morning Service Live on Facebook
Tuesday	7:30 pm – Advisory Board (Zoom)
Wednesday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Deacon's Cupboard 12 pm – Lent Zoom at Noon Service 7:30 pm – Bedtime Bible Stories (Zoom) 7:30 pm – Handbell Choir Practice
Thursday	7:30 pm – Choir Practice
Friday	9:00 am – Chancel Guild (brass/silver/crystal cleaning)
Sunday	8:00 am – 5 th Sunday in Lent (BCP online) 9:15 am – 5 th Sunday in Lent (BAS Eucharist - In person & online) 9:15 am – Church School & Youth Group 11:00 am – 5 th Sunday in Lent (BCP Communion – In person & online) 12:15 pm – Special Vestry re “Raise the Rates” (in person & online)

Delivery Drivers Needed to deliver Holy Week and Easter prayer care packages to kids and seniors. Packages to be dropped off between March 30th and April 1st. Please contact Rev. Maria Nightingale (associate@stpeterserindale.org) by March 23rd if you can help.

Notice of Special Vestry: “Raise the Rates”: In accordance with canon 14, as per request, a special vestry will be held next Sunday, March 26 following the 11:00am service. This will be a hybrid meeting, so people can attend in-person or online (Zoom details coming soon). This special vestry is called to discuss and vote on the Diocese of Toronto’s annual Social Justice Vestry Motion. No other business will be dealt with. Prior to special vestry, we encourage you to review background information on the motion which can be found at <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/social-justice-vestry-motion/?lang=en>. As you scroll to the bottom of the page you will be able to access the 2023 Social Justice Vestry Motion & backgrounder and the video Q&A. We thank the Outreach and Social Justice Committee at St. Peter’s for their leadership and attention to this.

Worship Update: During Holy Week, some liturgical changes will take place at St. Peter’s. Changes will happen gradually leading up to Easter and have been made in consultation with the Diocese of Toronto and the appropriate ministries at St. Peter’s to continue to move ahead in the safest ways we can. Some of the changes throughout the week will include the procession and recession of the choir and chancel party during hymns, the small altar in front of the steps at 9:15am services, receiving communion at the altar rail at 8am and 11am services and the offering of the Common Cup. We recognize that COVID-19 continues to impact our lives and particularly some of the most vulnerable groups among us.

You are encouraged to remember that how you participate in worship is your own choice, and your choices may look different from others in our community. However, we continue on this journey together loving God and our neighbour in this holy time. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Roshni Jayawardena.

Palm Cross Making: Join us in the hall Saturday, April 1st at 9:30 am to make palm crosses! A lovely social event - all are welcome. No experience necessary! Light refreshments will be provided.

Easter Flowers: Parishioners are invited to donate towards the purchase of flowers to decorate St. Peter's this Easter. It is a lovely way to honour the memory of a loved one or to give thanks. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and can be placed on the offering plate or left with the church office.

The Deacon's Cupboard is urgently looking for donations of **empty egg cartons**. Cartons can be dropped off at the church during the week (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) or on Sunday after services (in box outside of office). Thank you!

Wednesday Noon Services on Zoom during Lent: Join us on Wednesdays at noon on Zoom from March 1 to April 5 for a short service of readings, prayers and discussion.

Join by computer/tablet:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89264481839?pwd=bCtNQ0kvVytBSm9rSEFLUUxpRIRpdz09>

Or by telephone: (647) 374-4685 or (647) 558-0588

Meeting ID: 892 6448 1839, Passcode: 663663

Celebration of New Ministry: Sunday April 16th at 4pm: All are invited to attend a Celebration of New Ministry at St. Peter's on Sunday April 16th at 4pm. This celebration will formally install Rev. Roshni as our incumbent, and is a time to worship and recognize this new part of our journey together. This will be a hybrid service and we will also be welcoming our new Archdeacon, the Venerable Steven Mackison, visiting clergy and people in the community. New ministry is a shared experience, and we hope you can share in this celebration!

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Land Acknowledgement

(Created in collaboration between the PSC and the Rev. Leigh Kern)

We acknowledge that St. Peter's, Erindale is built on the Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishnaabe (ah-nish-nah-bay) Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-din-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, and the Wendat (when-dot) Nation. We recognize the harm the Anglican Church has done through colonization, and we seek a new relationship with the original Peoples of this land, one rooted in, and based on, honour and deep respect.

We, at St. Peter's, recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to, and on this land and we acknowledge that the places from which we attend this service are also lands where Indigenous peoples have lived and continue to live. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community. We commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

This Land Acknowledgement is our congregation's first step to bringing attention and showing respect to Indigenous peoples and recognizing their sovereignty on these lands and waters. We continue our learning journey of how we understand our role in truth and reconciliation.

Collect for Purity

Officiant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Great Commandment

Officiant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Officiant: The Lord be with you;

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Collect for the Day

Officiant: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
through the waters of baptism
your Son has made us children of light.
May we ever walk in his light
and show forth your glory in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: The Lesson is written in the 16th chapter of the 1st Book of Samuel, beginning at the 1st verse.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome.

The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Gospel **John 9:1-41**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel is written in the 9th chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 1st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.'

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.'

The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Homily The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

The Creed

**Together: I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; Light, of Light; Very God, of very God; Begotten, not made;**

Together: Being of one substance with the Father; Through whom all things were made:
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man,
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, The Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come.
Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;
People: And with thy spirit.

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

May God's grace be upon this shawl,
warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven,
a sacred place of security and well-being,
sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May the one who receives this shawl be cradled in hope,
kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. **Amen.**

Offertory

Offerings can be made by volunteering your time, talent or skill, and financially through:

- PAG (Pre Authorized Giving – *formerly PAR*): Forms can be found on our website and on the table in the narthex
- Canada Helps: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/13043>
- email bank transfer to giving@stpeterserindale.org
- offertory envelope/cheque mailed to or dropped off at the church.

**All: All things come of thee, O Lord,
 and of thine own have we given thee.**

In Our Prayers This Week

ACC The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the
 people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal

The elimination of racial discrimination.

Our Diocese Etobicoke-Humber Deanery

Our Deanery St. Thomas a Becket – The Rev. David Matthews
 & The Rev. Ginnie Wong

Our Parish Communion Assistants

The flowers by the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ella Thompson & Earl Fletcher, with thanksgiving for their lives on earth with us. We continue to keep them in our hearts and may God keep them in eternal rest, peace & love. Given by Dawne, Michael, Ron and their families.

The flowers at the chancel steps are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gweneth & Edward Duckett and Edgar Chensue. May God bless you in eternal love. Given by Connie & Preston Duckett and Barbara Chensue.

The Intercession

Officiant: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant CHARLES our King, and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servants *Linda our Primate, Anne our Archbishop, Andrew our Diocesan Bishop and Kevin our Area Bishop*, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments:

Officiant: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, *especially those for whom our prayers are desired.*

Our Friends Sam & family, Roland, Sandra, Rupert, Debra, Rosalie & Stella, Malakai & family, Irene, Marg & John, Peter, Norm, Dan, David, Jane, Essie, Lynn, Michael, Stan, Courtney & Marva, Aysha, Janelle & Nancy, Norine, Joan, Janie, Fernanda & Evaristo, Karen, Rychard & Janet, Ann, Tom & Annette, Ian, Albert, Denita, Stephanie, Julia, Jenny, Rick, Audrey, Chris & Mary, Elizabeth & Caroline

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Officiant: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The Confession

Officiant: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**Together: ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people:
We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: Let us pray.

**Together: 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.**

The Blessing

Priest: The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us depart in peace.

People: **In the name of the Lord. Amen.**