

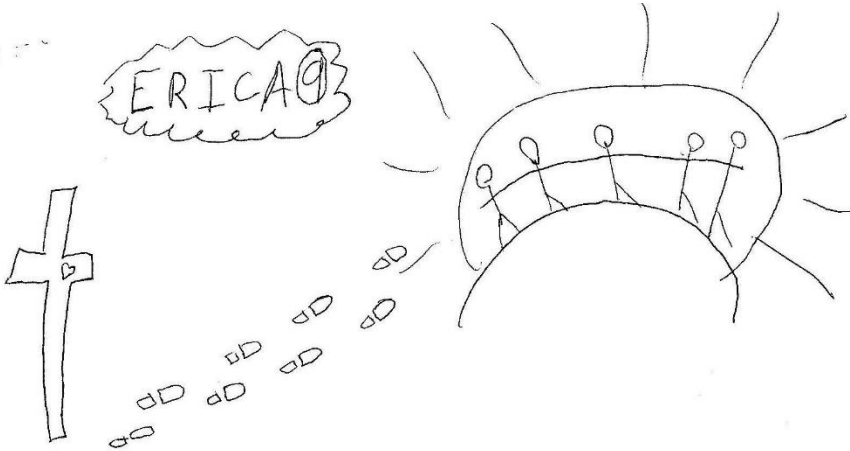
4th Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

9:15 am - BAS Eucharist

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***

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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

Celebrant	The Rev. Maria Nightingale
Gospeller, Preacher & Children's Talk	The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena
Readers	Thom Wigle, Mary Ellen Wigle
Intercessor	Dave Allen
Tech Hosts	Tania Browne (Zoom), Kyoko Kobayashi & Roy Marques (in-person)
Sidespeople	Kim Tucker (Zoom) Lucy Hart, Jeffrey & Mariam Frederick (in-person)
Organist	Lori Dolloff
Warden	Natasha Bond

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 or Rev. Maria Nightingale.

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!

Handbell Prelude

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.

Hymn #465 Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming
(in blue Common Praise hymn book)

The Gathering of the Community (Page 185)

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: 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.

Kyrie Eleison

All: Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Collect for the Day

Celebrant: 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.

1st Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Reader: A reading from Samuel.

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

2nd Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Reader: A reading from Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel John 9:1-41 (Please stand)

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(The children may leave to go to Church School)

Homily The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

The Apostle's Creed (Page 189) (please stand)

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

**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.**

**All: 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.**

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

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

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.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Children's Talk The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

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.

The Peace (Page 192)

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

People: And also with you.

Hymn #352 **Amazing Grace**
(in blue Common Praise hymn book)

Offertory

Celebrant: We give thanks for the many ways St. Peter's parishioners have contributed to the work of the Church through their time, talent, and treasure.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of light,
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #2 (Page 196)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Page 211)

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread (Page 213)

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion

(Communion will be bread only. Please come up the centre aisle and return via the side aisles. Please keep your mask on until you have moved away from the person distributing the host. If you wish a blessing instead, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest).

Celebrant: For those who cannot or do not wish to receive the physical bread, but wish to make a spiritual communion, I invite you to say these words with me:

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Handbells Anthem

Sicut Cervus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina,
transcribed by M. Matterson)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

Celebrant: Father, through your goodness
we receive your Son in word and sacrament.
May we always have faith in him,
Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Doxology (Page 214)

Celebrant: 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.**

Hymn #502 You Are Salt for the Earth
(in blue Common Praise hymn book)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Please join us in the hall after the service
for refreshments and conversation*

Gather Us In (Here in This Place New Light Is Streamin), OL #00031

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You Are Salt for the Earth, O People, OL #03185

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