

Today's Service

Liturgy

Holy Eucharist BCP

Readings

Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16
Romans 10.8b-13
Luke 4.1-13

Music

Maurice & Marion Victory

Greeters

Nina Brown and Hilda Lambert

Eucharistic Assistants

Gil & Daphne Pritchett

Next Sunday:

Kenyan Rite



Jesus answered,
"It is written,
'One does not live
by bread alone,
but by every word
that comes from
the mouth of God.'"

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Selby Mesher*

Musicians

Maurice & Marion Victory

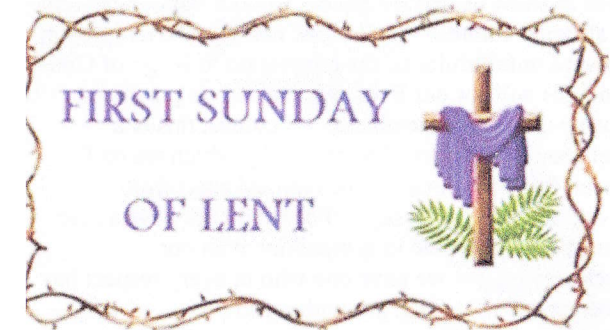
THE MARTYR'S CROWN



PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

The Anglican Network in Canada

10th March 2019



Peoples' worship is disrupted when cell phones ring. As a gift to each other, we turn *off* our cell phone ringers during worship

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.
John 8.12



Welcome to worship!

This is the First Sunday of Lent. In the gospel reading appointed for today, Luke tells us that Jesus, after his baptism, "returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness where, for forty days, he was tempted by the devil." When I was in Israel last June, I had the opportunity to visit the Jordan River and saw the wilderness where Jesus would have likely gone. What struck me was that it was a blistering hot desert with little bits of vegetation sticking here and there out of the sand dunes. I thought to myself, spending forty days here was no 'walk in the park'. Yet, it was the Spirit that led Jesus to this place. Why, I wonder?

There are probably many answers to that question, but the one I find most helpful is that the Spirit led Jesus to this wilderness experience for us! It was to show us that we have a Saviour who underwent a struggle common to all of us; namely, the temptation toward unfaithfulness, the temptation to let go of God and His will for our lives and, instead, to pursue our own path toward happiness. Of course, this is a delusion because true happiness, by which we really mean fulfillment, cannot be realized apart from God. Hebrews 4.15 says, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin."

The point is, Jesus did not give in to temptation. He did not fail the test. Standing firm on the Scriptures, He remained faithful to His Father. In Jesus' desert experience, the Father wants us to understand that His Son is the only one who is able to pay the price of our unfaithfulness because He himself is without sin, the spotless lamb. Through the Cross and Resurrection, which we will celebrate at the end of our Lenten pilgrimage, Jesus presents us faultless and spotless before the Father.

May you have a blessed and holy Lent.

Howard+



TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP will meet at the office this Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

LENTEN STUDY: It is not too late to join one of the Lenten Study groups taking place at the Parish Office Wednesday mornings at 10.30 or Thursday evenings at 7:30 during Lent. This week's study is *Taking the Bible Seriously*. If you wish to join, Lois has the forms to fill out as well as copies of the book for this week.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: Pastor Harold Andrews of Victory Christian Centre has invited our congregation, during Lent, to join the city-wide worship which meets on Wednesdays at 7:30pm.

AGM A sincere thank you to all who participated in our AGM last Sunday and contributed to the success of the day. Also thank you to all who brought food for the cold plate supper. Everything was delicious.

DONATION BASKET

A basket has been placed at the entrance of the church in case you want to make a donation toward the weekly cost of renting this worship space. We pay Victory Christian Centre \$100.00 each time we meet here. We suggest a donation of \$5.00 from each individual. Envelopes are provided should you wish to receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism." -- Pope Benedict XVI



Our Parish: For our Rector and all who give leadership in the congregation, especially the Wardens and Parish Council.

Our Sister Congregation of the Good Samaritan: For Rector, The Venerable Dr. Darrell Critch; Honourary Assistants, The Right Rev'd Don Harvey and The Rev'd Marilyn Flower. For the team presently in Guatemala.

Congregation of All Saints, Bonavista: For Rector, The Rev'd Shaun O'Connor

Our Ecclesiastical Province (Canada / USA): For our Archbishop- The Most Rev'd Dr. Foley Beach.

Our Diocese (ANiC): For our bishop, The Right Rev'd Charles Masters, the clergy and people across our vast diocese.

The Sick: For members of our parish- Jessie Barnes, Don Nippard, Ruth Stanley, Judy Bearn, and Renee Noseworthy. Please continue to pray for **Linda**, sister of Ruby Chapman, undergoing Chemotherapy, Hilda's brother in law **Neville**, and Ruth's brother in law **Bob**.

The World: Pray for nations where people are dying of hunger and disease. Pray for those who are fleeing the tyranny of their own countries seeking a better life. Pray for a resolution to the conflict in Venezuela. Pray for clarity and honor in all levels of government. Pray that God will give us a vision of our shared humanity, that we are all God's children created in His image.

QUIET TIME BEFORE WORSHIP: It seems the excitement of seeing one another on Sunday afternoon gets us chatting, sometimes quite loudly, right up until the service begins. While such exuberance is understandable, some, who like to take time before the service to pray, find it disconcerting. Out of respect for those who like to pray quietly in preparation for worship, let us make a concerted effort to quiet things down TEN MINUTES before worship begins. By 2:50 PM everything for worship should be set up and our thoughts beginning to focus on God who is the object of all our worship.