

Today's Service

Liturgy
Kenyan Rite

Readings
, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3.17-4.1
Luke 13.31-35

Music
Joyful Noise

Greeters
Hayward & Phyllis Keats

Eucharistic Assistants
Tolson & Ruby Chapman

Next Sunday:
Holy Eucharist BAS

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you."

– Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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Band "Joyful Noise"

*Robert Batten
Nina Brown O'Brien
Ruth Stanley
Selby Mesher*

Musicians
Maurice & Marion Victory

THE MARTYR'S CROWN



PARISH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

The Anglican Network in Canada

17th 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!

Welcome to the Second Sunday in Lent. In today's gospel reading from Luke, the Pharisees try to deter Jesus from his mission by telling him, "Get out of here, for Herod is trying to kill you." Jesus responds, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'" (Luke 13.32-33)

It seems out of character for Jesus to call someone a fox, but Herod was a most cunning and unsavoury character. He had been responsible for the brutal murder of John the Baptist because John dared to challenge Herod's immoral lifestyle. Now Herod was threatening Jesus, trying to divert him from his mission of going up to Jerusalem to die for the sins of the world. The Devil, who had tempted Jesus to abort his mission in the wilderness, was up to his old tricks once again, only now he was using Herod as his spokesman. Friends, let this be a reminder to us- as long as we are intent on living our lives for Christ, the Devil will never leave us alone. He wants nothing more than to destroy our relationship with the Father so that the message of Jesus will not go forward. He will make every effort to do this, particularly through fear. Someone once said that as committed Christians, we are not in a playground but a battleground. This is so true!

Jesus was not afraid of Herod. Jesus knew what his mission was and nothing would stop him from accomplishing it. His only desire was to do the Will of his Father. Therefore, Jesus responds, "...I must be on my way..."

Likewise, we must never allow fear to prevent us doing what we know God has called us to do; namely, to share the love of Jesus with others. Rather, we must dig in our heels, confident that Jesus is with us, and say, "Regardless, I must be on my way!"

May the Lord bless each of us as we offer ourselves to Him in worship today.

Howard+



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

INSTALLATION OF PARISH COUNCIL: This afternoon, we take the opportunity in our worship to install the Parish Council for 2019. We particularly welcome new members- Wayne Drover and Marion Victory.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: This week, we are examining the booklet, "Taking Worship Seriously." Wednesday's group meets at 10:30 AM. Thursday's group meets at 7:30 PM. Participants are welcome to attend either session. Both sessions take place at the parish office.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP IN LENT: We have been invited to join City Wide Worship which takes place at Victory Christian Centre each Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Five from our congregation attended last week. City Wide Worship is an opportunity for all churches to gather with no agenda except to praise God through song and word.

QUIET DAY: We are pleased to announce that Bishop Don Harvey has kindly agreed to lead a Quiet Day for our congregation on the subject of Spiritual Warfare on Saturday, April 6. Details to follow in next week's bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS (FCPO) NL: "A ministry to those who serve and protect." Founded in the US in 1971 and brought to Canada in 1983. On Feb 27, 2019 we opened our first NL Chapter. The aim of FCPO is to promote fellowship amongst Christian Officers in various Police Depts. At present we have over 4000 members across Canada and the US with our head office in Ottawa. Peace Officers and their families remain at the centre of our ministry. FCPO NL is pleased to have 3 members for SSTM. Herman and Rita Russell and Hilda Lambert. NL Representative is Const Daniel Morrisey (709-687-7573) email nl@fc pocanada.com, and interim secretary Herman Russell (709-325-5922 Email h.russell@nf.sympatico.ca).

Donation Basket for church rent is at the back of the church, If you wish to receive a receipt for such, either use an envelope there or include with your reg envelope and mark the amount for church rent on the outside of the envelope.



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 Beams, and Renee Noseworthy. Please continue to pray for **Linda**, sister of Ruby Chapman, undergoing Chemotherapy, 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. Lift up the victims of the shootings at the Mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. 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