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The Second Sunday in Lent



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The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: Segó everybody

All: Segó

Celebrant: We gather today on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe Algonquin people.

All: May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: The Son of man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. (*John 3.14-15*)

Opening Hymn - 468 - *To Abraham and Sarah*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2viHemoik_g

1. To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
'Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

2. From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace.
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God.'

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Trisagion: (*Repeat 3 Times*)

All: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy upon us.

Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of Scripture

First Reading *Genesis 12: 1-4a*

(Sarah Thompson)

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” So, Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

(Carole Ladouceur)

Reader: A reading from the 121st Psalm

I lift up my eyes to the mountains
 where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
 the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip
 he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you
 The Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
 nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm
 he will watch over your life;

the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore

Second Reading *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

(Wendy Taylor)

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn – 503 - *Fight the Good Fight* (Verses 1, 2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BrAdGpBFnU>

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might,
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy
right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's
good grace,
lift up thine eyes and seek his face;

life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy Guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still, you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things, and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

(Reverend Nash Smith)

We pray for *Archbishop Shane Parker*, Primate of Canada, *Archbishop Anne Germond*, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, *Bishop Michael Bird*, our diocesan administrator, as well as *Nash*, our priest.

We pray for Our Diocesan Partners including the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and *Archbishop Hosam Naoum*

We pray for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and *Bishops Larry Kochendorfer and Carla Blakley*.

We pray for The Parish of Pakenham and all who minister there.

In our community, **we pray for** *Nyla, Dhru, and Patrick Staulus, Chris and Mary Collin, Diane Manryk, Georges De Roy, Joyce Clark, Phyllis Harris, Barbara Harvey-Harris, Denyse, Talia Wootton, Caide Murray, Mike Bula, Marilyn, Richard Racine, Rob and Kim Green, Vera Guy and family, Penelope Foster, Larry O'Brien, Bonnie Lynn Perry, Amber Wiseman, Heather Buckle, Grace Earle, Brenda Ramsden, Julie Porter, Lise Bellefeuille, Nicole Ladouceur-Larocque, Erica and Peter, Barbara Roberts, Andrew Nicholson, Wyatt Ladouceur-Leaver, Mary Lou Petrella*, and for those that are known to you alone. Are there others?

In our parish cycle, **we pray for** *Esther Gunpat*.

In our neighbourhood, **we pray for** the residents, staff, guests, and visitors of the Ottawa Rotary Home and the Bridlewood Retirement Residence.

In our parish memorial cycle, **we remember** *Henry, Emma and Lester Haas*.

Almighty God, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give grace to your servant, *The Venerable Kathryn Otley*, who has been called to the office and ministry of Bishop for your people in our Diocese; fill her with the truth of your doctrine and holiness of life, that she may faithfully serve you, to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites everybody to the Kingdom of Love. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

All: Most merciful God, 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(standing, greet each other without a handshake)*

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

All: And also with you.

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Offertory Hymn - 506 – *Lord of All Hopefulness*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6ztII8Hlbo>

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares
could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we
pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the
break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the
plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we
pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the
noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all
grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms
to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we
pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve
of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we
pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the
end of the day.

Prayer over the Gifts

All: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 2

(Communion Server – Carole Ladouceur)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus – 735 - (sung) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7F8jQo4xoE>

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, 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 forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Celebrant: As Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray together:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread #7

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.

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him

Communion Hymn – 661 (Voices United) – Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYhNEVH6SUo&list=RDYYhNEVH6SUo&start_radio=1

1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus
Answer my prayer today.

2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus
Teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus
Fill me with love today.

*Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.*

Prayer after Communion (standing)

All: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology

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.

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes 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, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Next White Gift Sunday and Coffee Hour – March 1, 2026 (**This Sunday**). Please remember those in need with donations of non-perishable food for the Pavilion Food Bank. For Coffee Hour, we welcome light lunch items. All are welcome to Coffee Hour.

Next Parish Council Meeting – Sunday, March 16, 2026 following the service.

Next Bridlewood Service - Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

E-Transfers – We have finally fixed the problem. Please use the following new e-mail address donate@saintjamesleirim.com

Irish Ceili Dinner – It's on!! Saturday, March 21, 2026 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are now available: \$20, children age 5 to 10: \$10. Free under 5. There will be Irish Music and a bake sale. **Location** – St. Aidan's Anglican Church, 934 Hamlet Road, just west of Elmvale Shopping Centre. Free Parking. We need lots of volunteers for setup and food preparation. Volunteers should arrive by 4 p.m. Dinner will include Irish stew, Shepherd's Pie, buns, salad and dessert. Deb Donoghue has volunteer sheets. Please sign up if you can. **Let's make this a big success!**

50/50 Draw – We are currently selling tickets in support of our Christmas lighting fund. 1 ticket for \$2, 3 tickets for \$5, and an arm's length of tickets (15) for \$20. The draw will be on March 21st.

Closing Hymn - 112 (Voices United) - O God How We Have Wandered

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyXWYfQ69bA>

1 O God, how we have wandered
and hidden from your face'
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.

But how, in exile dwelling,
we turn with fear and shame,
as distant but compelling,
you call us each by name.

2 And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
by faith we are returning
with hope and trust in you.

In haste you come to meet us,
and home rejoining bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.

3 O God of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
our peace and hope assured.

Grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dismissal Song – *When You Walk from Here*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qvd2PUoEj9g>

When you walk from here
When you walk from here

Walk with justice, walk with mercy
And with God's humble care.

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Next Service: Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The Third Sunday of Lent

Reading-1 - Exodus 17: 1-7 – *Deb Donoghue*
 Psalm 95 – *Brian Wells*
 Reading 2 - Romans 5: 1-11 – *Rob Mantle*
 Gospel - John 4: 5-42 – *Reverend Nash Smith*
 Prayers of the People – *Mike Thomas*
 Communion Server - *Vic Wootton*