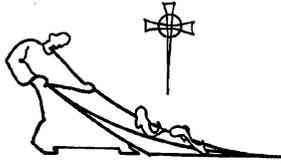


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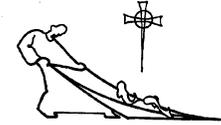
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*The land on which our church resides is the Territory of the Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nation, the Wendat Nation, the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-neigh) Confederacy, the Mississaugas of Scugog (skoo-gog), Hiawatha (hi-ah-wah-tha) and Alderville First Nations. This territory is the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnabek Nation and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the life of the Great Lakes. The Treaties that were signed for this Territory are collectively referred to as the Williams Treaties. We recognize how settlers and our church have continuously broken the sacred covenant of this Treaty, and offer this land acknowledgment as a first step on the path of reconciliation, recognizing the sovereignty of Indigenous Nations and their continued leadership on this land.*

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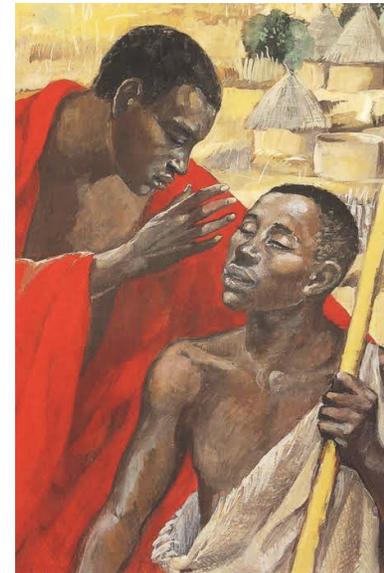


*To love and worship God as one family in Jesus Christ;  
to extend this love into Christian action in the community.*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026

10:00AM



## Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today!  
By being here, you have enriched our community.  
We pray that you find the service meaningful.

We hope that you sense God's presence and His love for you in our midst, and that you consider the Church of St. Andrew a place where you can belong and call home.

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Welcome from Rev. Jake and Land Acknowledgement

Opening Hymn: #599 "Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night" *(All Stand)*

Opening Prayer - *from the Anglican Church of Kenya*

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Celebrant:** The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

**All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

**Celebrant:** Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**All: Who made heaven and earth.**

**Celebrant:** I was glad when they said to me:

**All: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."**

**Celebrant:** Praise the Lord:

**All: The name of the Lord be praised.**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadow of our hearts; cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.**

**Kyrie Eleison** *(sung)* Hymnal #678

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Collect of the Day**

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. **Amen.**

*(All Sit)*



*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of my mother and father, Flora and Clifford Jacobs. Forever loved by your daughter, Beverley Jacobs Sagoe.*

*The Sanctuary Lights for the month of March are given by Etta Slyfield, to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for His many blessings.*



**BIRTHDAYS**

March 16 – Pearl Woods

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## John and Charles Wesley

- John (1702-1791) and Charles (1707-1788) were 18<sup>th</sup> Century Anglican priests who led the Methodist revival, emphasizing personal faith, holiness, and widespread evangelism.
- John was a tireless preacher. He preached over 40,000 sermons, and organized societies, while Charles was a prolific hymn writer, who wrote over 6,000 hymns.
- They were born in England to Samuel and Susannah Wesley, and attended Oxford University, where they formed the "Holy Club" for disciplined study and piety.
- Their methodical approach to faith earned them the nickname "Methodists".
- The brothers promoted the doctrine of Christian perfection, assurance of salvation, and the role of the holy spirit.
- They remained Anglican priests, but their work led to a major evangelical revival and eventually to the formation of Methodist denominations.
- John was focused on organizing the movement and preaching, and was known for his open-air preaching, reaching tens of thousands of people who were often marginalized by the established church.
- Charles, who was more conservative, opposed the separation from the Church of England.
- The Wesley brothers' ministry led to the formation of Methodist societies throughout Britain and eventually around the world.
- Among the popular and well-loved hymns which Charles wrote were, "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**", "**Christ the Lord is Risen Today**", "**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**", and "**And Can It Be?**"

**Dismissal:** Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". Go forth in peace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Mar. 17	9:00-9:30am	Online Morning Prayer
Wed., Mar. 18	10:00-10:30am	Holy Communion
Wed., Mar. 18	10:30-11:30am	Fellowship – St. Andrew’s Room
Wed., Mar. 18	7:00-8:30pm	Online Bible Study & Compline
Sun., Mar. 22	10:00-11:30am	Holy Communion
Sun., Mar. 22	11:45am-12:45pm	Sunday Bible Study – Parish Hall

### ASSISTING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD: Maxine Sylvester & Jasmine Alexander  
LECTORS: 1. Shreena Talbert  
2. Lere Oladitan  
INTERCESSOR: Richard Moriah  
LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Wilbur Anderson

*We welcome guest preacher Dilesha Stelmach, Diocesan Equity, Decolonization, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor.*

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, March 16 and will reopen on Wednesday, March 18.**

***Sunday Bible Study continues March 22, 11:45am-12:45pm in the Parish Hall.***

*We encourage you to read **John 1:29-42** in advance, and to bring your Bible if you have one. We will discuss the following questions:*

- (a) What titles and roles does John the Baptist give to Jesus in this section, and what signs confirm Jesus’ identity?*
- (b) What does it mean for you personally to trust Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” in your daily walk of faith?*

***Deanery Service for the Annunciation, Wed. March 25, 7pm.***  
*All are welcome at St. Margaret-in-the-Pines, 4130 Lawrence Ave. E.*

Please join us online for **Morning Prayer**, Tuesdays, 9:00–9:30AM, and **Bible Study & Compline**, Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15PM. **Zoom info: Meeting ID: 625 721 4565.** If you are calling in, **dial +1 647 374 4685**, then follow instructions to enter the Meeting ID followed by #, then press # again to join. Press “\*6” to unmute.

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

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:** The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** (*prayed responsively – the congregation says the bolded verses*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \* and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, \* I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; \* your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

### The Second Reading

### Ephesians 5:8-14

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:** The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(All Stand)*

Gradual Hymn: #446 vv.1-2 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

### The Blessing - from the Anglican Church of Kenya

**Celebrant:** All our problems,

**All: We send to the foot of the cross.**

**Celebrant:** All our difficulties,

**All: We send to the foot of the cross.**

**Celebrant:** All the devil's works,

**All: We send to the foot of the cross.**

**Celebrant:** All our hopes,

**All: We send to the foot of the cross.**

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

*(All Sit)*

### Announcements

*(All Stand)*

Sending Hymn: "And Can It Be, That I Should Gain", vv. 1,3,5

### And Can It Be, That I Should Gain

And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
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No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: #170 "The Glory of These Forty Days"  
*A collection is taken during the Offertory. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews, or e-transfer to [envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca](mailto:envsec@st-andrew-anglican.ca).  
Your support is greatly appreciated.*

### Prayer over the Gifts:

**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. Amen.**

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Sanctus (*sung*) Hymnal #683  
*(Sit or Kneel)*  
The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) Hymnal #684

### The Breaking of Bread - *from the Anglican Church of Kenya*

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many we are one body, for we all share one bread.**

**Celebrant:** Draw near with faith and receive.

**All: Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

**Celebrant:** Christ is alive for ever.

**All: We are because he is.**

Agnus Dei (*sung*) Hymnal #685

### The Communion

*All baptized Christians may receive Communion - please indicate to the Celebrant if you require a gluten-free wafer. All may receive a blessing; please cross your arms to indicate that this is your wish. To receive Communion or a blessing at your pew, please notify a sidesperson.*

(During Communion, the Choir sings #63 "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup")

*(All Stand)*

Communion Hymn: #35 "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

### Prayer after Communion - *from the Anglican Church of Kenya*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**All: God Most High, we thank you for welcoming us, teaching us and feeding us. We deserve nothing from you but in your great mercy, you have given us everything in your Son Jesus Christ. We love you and give ourselves to you to be sent out for your work; grant us your blessing, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

**Gospeller:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**All: 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.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn: #446 vv.3-4 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"

*(All Sit)*

**The Homily**

**Dilesha Stelmach, Diocesan Equity,  
Decolonization, Diversity and Inclusion Advisor**

*(All Stand)*

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*(Sit or Kneel)*

**Prayers of the People**

**Response: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**The Prayers of Confession - from the Anglican Church of Kenya**

**Celebrant:** Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. *(There follow words from the Holy Scripture.)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest. **Amen.**

**All: Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

*(All Stand)*

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" *(sung)*

*by Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father, we are family,

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

**The Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

*(You are invited to exchange a sign of peace with your neighbours:  
a wave or a handshake are common ways to share the Peace.)*