

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

*Dear friends in Christ,
every year at the time of the Christian Passover
we celebrate our redemption
through the death and resurrection
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.
We begin this holy season
by remembering our need for repentance,
and for the mercy and forgiveness
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,
an ancient sign,
speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,
and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.
I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,
to observe a holy Lent
by self-examination, penitence, prayer,
fasting, and almsgiving,
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.*

—Lenten Exhortation, *Book of Alternative Services*, page 281

As you read the words above, what was your reaction? Did you resolve to respond to the invitation to renew and deepen your spiritual discipline and life? Did you cringe at the idea of repenting? Did you pick up on the connection the exhortation makes between Lent and Easter?

It seems to me that sometimes people are not sure what to make of Lent. From the feedback I have received from some people over the last few years, some of the language of Lent can be difficult to take in. Hearing that we are frail, broken, and in need of repenting from our sinful ways for six weeks can try even the most optimistic constitution. To be sure, Lent asks us to look deep within ourselves and to be brutally honest about the integrity of our faith. We are invited to ask where we have been faithful to our calling as disciples but also where we have failed: where we failed to stand up against injustice, where we failed to love our neighbour, where we failed to proclaim the good news of Christ. The journey of Lent, if undertaken with the appropriate gravity and reflection, is not easy. But, I believe it is fruitful. As Jesus shaped his identity through his experience in the wilderness, so too can we shape ours. And be sure of this: no matter how old we are, or how spiritually mature, our identity can indeed be shaped with each new Lenten season.

But, the shining light at the end of the forty days of intense reflection and spiritual discipline is the glory of the resurrection. In Jesus, Paul writes, “we are treated...as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet always making may rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.”

Our mission, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to:

- Celebrate all that God has done for us through worship and witness with others.
- Respond to our call to be disciples of Christ by sharing our faith, rooted in the Word of God, with others and encouraging others to become followers of Christ through word and action.
- Practice good stewardship of our human, financial and environmental resources, working to ensure that all of God's Creation is viable for future generations.
- Grow ourselves and others by reaching out to our communities, following Jesus' example of generous caring, giving, and welcoming.

REGULAR SERVICES

All Saints', Tyendinaga

Sunday Celebration—8:30 a.m.

Christ Church, HM Chapel Royal of the Mohawk

Sunday Celebration—10:30 a.m.

Third Sundays Combined Parish Service

April to September—Christ Church—10:30 a.m.

October to March—All Saints'—8:30 a.m.

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TYENDINAGA

Vision Statement

To be a Spirit-filled and life giving place where strangers become friends and friends become disciples.

Wednesday 17 February 2010
Ash Wednesday



GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting *(please stand)* BAS 281
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Collect of the Day

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading *(please sit)* Joel 21:1-2, 12-17a
Psalm 103:8-18 BAS 842



The Lord re - mem-bers that we are but dust.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Gradual Hymn *(please stand)* CP 170
Gospel Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Homily *(please sit)*
Exhortation *(please kneel)* BAS 282
Psalm 51:1-18
Litany of Penitence

Presider Most holy and merciful Father,
People **we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

Presider ...as we have been forgiven.
People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Presider ...We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
People **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

Presider ...and impatience of our lives,
People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider ...and our exploitation of other people,
People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider ...those more fortunate than ourselves,
People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider ...our dishonesty in daily life and work,
People **We confess to you, Lord.**

Presider ...commend the faith that is in us,
People **We confess to you, Lord.**
Presider ...our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
Presider ...toward those who differ from us,
People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
Presider ...concern for those who come after us,
People **Accept our repentance, Lord.**
Presider ...let your anger depart from us,
People **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

Imposition of Ashes

The congregation is invited to come forward to have the sign of the cross imposed in ashes on your foreheads as a sign that you will return to the dust but are secure in the redemption of Christ's cross. As you return to your seat, you are invited to remain kneeling as a sign of penitence.

Confession and Absolution

Presider Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
People **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**
Presider By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,
People **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

The Presider pronounces the Absolution.

Peace *(please stand)*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn CP 613

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS 198

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) CP 735

**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.**

Presider Therefore, Father, according to his command,
People **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Lord's Prayer BAS 211

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People **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 7 213

Presider We break this bread,
People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider 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.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) CP 747

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Communion
Music: CP 521, 603

All are welcome to join in the Eucharistic feast. As you come forward for Communion, please take a moment to clean your hands with the sanitiser found at the front of the church. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please be assured that receiving the bread alone is considered making a full Communion. Please do not dip your bread into the wine.

COMMISSIONING AND DISMISSAL

Prayer after Communion *(please stand)* BAS 214

Presider Glory to God,
People **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
Closing Hymn CP 572
Dismissal BAS 215