

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

I have to confess that this week I feel a certain amount of tension in the messages I want to convey. It's our annual meeting of Vestry this Sunday, where we will look back over the past year to see where we've been. More importantly, though, we will look forward to the year ahead to discern where we should go. I see a lot of hope and promise in this direction: we are doing very well financially and we're really starting to develop a plan for mission and ministry. It's all very positive. At the same time, it's the first Sunday of Lent, a season of reflection and penitence. We're asked to look inside ourselves (individually and corporately) to find where we've strayed and to ask God to help us get back on track. We're reminded (as we were on Ash Wednesday) that we are dust—frail human beings—and there's nothing we can do (at least not well) without God's help. Can you see why I feel some tension? How do we reconcile the nature of Lent with the potential of the parish?

I believe it's actually easier than we might think. The clue for me comes from the first lesson, from Deuteronomy. It made me think of the Landing of the Mohawks in 1784. Imagine drawing up a canoe on the shores of the Bay of Quinte, with all the land of what would become Tyendinaga stretching out before you. I can picture in my mind a voice saying to the people, "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground...[and] you shall set it down before the Lord your God...[and] celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and your house." In answer, the people here prayed, and to this day, Christ Church stands "in token of our preservation by the Divine Mercy".

As we plan for our future at Vestry this year, I hope we will hold this vision in front of our eyes. It's a vision of plenty and a vision of gratitude. But it's also a vision of distant horizons and hard work, of building and shaping. Just as the ancestors cleared land and built a community, we now are called to clear away the obstacles to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and to build up the Church in this place. There are still rocks and trees that get in the way of ministry. The answer to that is the story of the Gospel this week: as Jesus is taken into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, he discerns his mission and vocation. As the old people looked out over the wilderness of the Bay of Quinte, they must have perceived the daunting task of settling here. And today, we find ourselves in a wilderness of unbelief, scepticism and hostility, challenged by the daunting task of bearing witness to God's work in the world. But, in the wilderness is where we will find the land flowing with milk and honey. It is where we will find God and discover who we are. As we journey through Lent to the glory of Easter, let us all labour in the wilderness to unlock the amazing potential that lies within us and be grateful to the God who shows us our salvation.

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.

**Sunday 21 February 2010
First Sunday in Lent**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn CP 620
Apostolic Greeting BAS 185
Summary of the Law
Presider Amen.
People **Lord, have mercy.**

Comfortable Words
Exhortation, Confession, and Absolution
Presider ...and make your humble confession to almighty God.
All **Eternal God, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, for give us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Trisagion CP 707
Collect of the Day

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 BAS 828
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13 CP 175
Gradual Hymn
Gospel Luke 4:1-13
Homily
Nicene Creed BAS 188
Great Litany
Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn CP 533
Prayer over the Gifts
Eucharistic Prayer 1 BAS 193
Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) CP 735
Lord's Prayer BAS 211
Breaking of the Bread 7 213
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: SB 15, CP 558, HFG 432, Just As I Am (Mohawk)

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 BAS 214
Blessing
Closing Hymn CP 564
Dismissal BAS 215

**CP—Common Praise (Blue)
SB—Song Book (Green or Blue Folder)
BAS—Book of Alternative Services (Green)**

We give thanks to God that we were able to worship together today! If you would like a visit or phone call from the Parish Priest please let anyone know who is listed on the back panel of the bulletin.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

Mon 29 Mar to Thu 1 Apr—Holy Week Morning Worship
7:00 a.m., Rectory

Maundy Thursday (1 Apr)—Commemoration of the Lord's Supper
6:00 p.m., Queen Anne Parish Centre
Please bring a potluck dish to share (avoiding meat and "treats" if we can) as well as necessary dinnerware and utensils.

Good Friday (2 Apr)—The Crucifixion of our Lord
10:00 a.m., All Saints' Church

Holy Saturday (3 Apr)—The Great Vigil of Easter
8:00 p.m., Christ Church

Easter Sunday (4 Apr)—The Resurrection of our Lord
8:30 a.m., All Saints' Church
10:30 a.m., Christ Church

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Thank you to everyone who helped out with the supper—whether you volunteered your time and energy, donated food or money, or showed up and had your fill, your contribution is much appreciated! We raised \$825 for outreach!

Love in Action meeting—Mon 22 Feb, 7:00 p.m. at Gail Clement's (300

Bayshore Rd). Want to put mission into action helping people in need at home and abroad? *Love in Action* invites you to join our hard-working team. Please call Paul Robertson 396-5496 or speak with one of the other *Love in Action* members.

Baptism—Anyone wishing to be baptised or who knows someone who might wish to be baptised is invited to speak to Brad to arrange preparation for baptism at the Great Vigil of Easter on Sat 3 Apr.

Lenten Study—This Lent, we will study Psalm 23 over four Tuesdays: 2, 9, 16, 23 March at 7:00 p.m. at the QAPC.



BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Answer

Jacob's ninth child was named Issachar (Genesis 30:18).

This Week's Question

What was the name of Adam & Eve's third son?

Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
Province de l'Église Anglicane du Congo
The Most Rev'd Henry Kahwa Isingoma, Archbishop

Diocese of Ontario
The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
Parish of Land O'Lakes
Holy Trinity, Plevna St John's, Ardoch
St Paul's, Flinton All Saints', Ompah
Bon Echo Provincial Park Summer Ministry
The Rev Timothy Kuhlmann

Companions
St Ann's Episcopal Church, Amsterdam; the Revd Christopher Smith
HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace, the Revd Denis Mulliner

Parish of Tyendinaga
Greeting Card Co-ordinators
Families of: Anne Maracle, Audrey Maracle, Bernice Maracle (AS),
Bernice Maracle (CC), Bruce & Dawn Maracle

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35