

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

As I write this, I am still in the middle of preparing for the annual meeting of Vestry. I have to get the bulletin done early, because by the time you are reading this on the morning of the 28th, I will have returned from a week away in Georgia—hopefully a Georgia without snow! I hope that, by the time this week's bulletins are handed out, we will have had a good Vestry meeting. I hope that we will have approved the Vision for Mission & Ministry (budget) and that we have a good feeling about the fruitfulness of our work together as church over the last few years and into the future.

But, since I don't know for sure how the Vestry meeting went at the time of writing, here's some follow-up that's based on the first reading this week, from Genesis. Abram (as Abraham was called before God changed his name), is told by God that he will have an inheritor who is not his distant kinsman, Eliezer of Damascus, but is in fact Abram's own son. Abram, of course, responds with disbelief (recall Zechariah's reaction as we witnessed it in Advent).

Now, Abram, was concerned that all the work he did would be for naught since he had no offspring to whom he could leave it. When God promised that Abram's reward would be very great, he had the same concern: who would there be to inherit? But, God's response to Abram is to reassure him that with God anything is possible.

At this time of year, we're concerned about similar things. How long will our churches be around in the future? Who will inherit the work that we have done? Maybe our existential angst is more immediate: how will we survive even the next few years with the forces that seem arrayed against us?

God's answer to Abram's fears is God's answer to us: Do not be afraid, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." And just as Abram responded in faith, so too must we. We can't dwell on fear but must rather trust that, if we respond to the Lord's invitation in faith, we will be blessed.

As I've mentioned before, a few years ago, we were in a pretty dicey financial situation, but today we've improved our financial outlook to the point where we don't need to be afraid of trying new things for fear that we'll waste money. Being a little wasteful might not actually be a bad thing because it might help us to learn that money isn't the key to ministry—it certainly helps—but really, it's our response to God's invitation that leads to fruitful ministry.

So, like I said, I don't know yet how Vestry turned out, but I am hopeful that we were able to let go of some of the fear we have about our survival so that we can start dreaming about how we'll continue to do ministry—and to GROW!!! Can we stare our latter-day Herods in the face and tell them that they can threaten us all they want, but that we have work to do and the faith to do it?

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 28 February 2010
Second Sunday in Lent**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn CP 393
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 neighbour, 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, forgive 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 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27 BAS 735
Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gradual Hymn HFG 77
Gospel Luke 13:31-35
Homily
Nicene Creed BAS 188
Prayers of the People
Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn CP 505
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: CP 511, SB 29

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 577
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

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 Almsgiving—As the exhortation on Ash Wednesday reminds us, Christians are called to augment their financial support of the work of the Church in Lent. Please consider setting aside a container to collect spare change and reflect on your contribution to our ministry—perhaps

you'd like to start giving through pre-authorized debit. Don't give 'til it hurts: give 'til it feels good!

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.

"Stewardship in Perspective: Turning Spiritual Vision into Practice"—Stewardship Conference presented by the Dioceses of Ontario and Ottawa, Fri 7-Sat 8 May, Kemptville Agricultural College. Keynote speaker Bp Michael Curry. Cost: \$125 (a subsidy will be available from the parish). For more info call Canon David Smith, (866) 524-4774 x 32, visit www.stewardship2010.ca, or speak to Brad.



BIBLE TRIVIA

Last Week's Answer

Adam & Eve's third son was Seth (Genesis 4:25).

This Week's Question

Against whom did Abiram and Dathan rebel?

Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
The Church of England
The Most Rev'd Rowan Williams, Primate

Diocese of Ontario
The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
Parish of Loughborough
St Paul's, Sydenham
The Rev'd Art Turnbull

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

Parish of Tyendinaga
Clergy
Families of: Bruce & Kim Maracle, Chris Maracle, Dael & Rose Maracle, Dale Maracle, Della Maracle & Glenn Reinke

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9