

RECTOR'S REFLECTION

We have journeyed through these five weeks of Lent hearing about God's call to us to repent and acknowledge our sin. But, last week, in the story of the prodigal son, we were also reminded that the judgement of God is always tempered with mercy. As Jesus turned his face towards Jerusalem, today we too turn our faces towards the Holy City, to begin to retell the story of Jesus' arrival, betrayal, arrest and crucifixion. But we also turn our faces away from the shadows of the wilderness journey of Lent and toward the everlasting brightness of the glory of the Resurrection.

Did you notice in the Old Testament this week that Isaiah's words were like a spring under considerable tension—coiled and compressed, the spring is full of potential energy just waiting to be released. Isaiah wrote, "Thus says the Lord... 'Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?'" O! What marvellous words—God is setting aside the old and the new is about to be revealed. What else could this refer to than the miracle of Easter, when Jesus, through his death and resurrection sets aside the brokenness of the old creation and unveils a new creation?

Isaiah through his prophecy begins to turn our minds towards the awesome power of God that is revealed in the events of Holy Week and Easter, pointing not only to the power that raised Jesus from the dead many generations ago but to the power that continues to call us out of our sin into new life in Christ.

As we turn from Isaiah to the Gospel, we read John's account of Jesus' visit to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. Do not forget that this visit was after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead—the family are already well aware of the extraordinary power of God that rests in Jesus. They may not understand it, but as Martha confessed at the raising of her dead brother, they know that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Lord, the one coming into the world." at the same time, while she may not have known exactly what she was doing, Mary confesses something else important: that Jesus is about to be sacrificed. Perhaps her anointing of his feet with the costly nard was merely an act of devotion, maybe she had a crush on Jesus. Yet, in this act is seen the hand of God, because Mary anointed Jesus as one might consecrate a sacrifice. Judas's reaction, other than being greedy and selfish, betrays the further truth of this: in his heart he knows that Jesus is about to be betrayed. The symbolism of the anointing was most certainly not lost on him. And, of course, Jesus himself knew that he was going to Jerusalem to be lifted up on the cross.

The events of the next two weeks are the centre of our faith—we may be like Mary and only dimly aware of what is happening, or we may be exulting in the expectation of Isaiah—but wherever we find ourselves, I hope we may all, like Paul, gain Christ and be found in him, righteous through our faith in God.

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 March 2010
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn CP 104 (sung 3 times)
 Apostolic Greeting BAS 185
 Summary of the Law
 Comfortable Words
 Exhortation, Confession, and Absolution
 Trisagion CP 707
 Collect of the Day

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126 BAS 885
 Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
 Gradual Hymn CP 180
 Gospel John 12:1-8
 Homily
 Nicene Creed BAS 188
 Prayers of the People
 Peace

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn CP 435
 Prayer over the Gifts
 Eucharistic Prayer 2 BAS 198
 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
 Communion
 Music: CP 551, 178

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 438
 Dismissal BAS 215

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

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. Alms will be collected on Easter Sunday. Don't give 'til it hurts: give 'til it feels good!

Lenten Study—Our study of Psalm 23 concludes Tue 23 March at 7:00 p.m. at the QAPC.

Maundy Thursday—At the Maundy Thursday liturgy, you are invited to bring a potluck dish to contribute to the meal that will be the centrepiece of the liturgy. As Maundy Thursday is the evening of our Lord's betrayal and arrest, it is appropriate to bring simple fare, avoiding sweets and red meat dishes. Please also bring utensils, plates etc (and not disposable ones!).

Selby Theatre Night—Join Love in Action for an evening of comedy and fun at Lennox Community Theatre, Selby. "Breath of Spring" by Peter Coke plays Wed 14 Apr, 8:00 p.m. Featuring a lady, her maid, and many stolen furs....Tickets available from members of *Love in Action*. All proceeds go to outreach in our community.

"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.

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THIS FAST, I WANTED TO FAST BY GIVING UP SOMETHING THAT I TRULY LOVE, AND I AM A HUGE FAN OF FASTING

BIBLE TRIVIA



Last Week's Answer

Bathsheba's husband was ordered to be killed by King David to cover up his adultery (2 Samuel 11:15).

This Week's Question

Which of Jesus' apostles was a twin?

Prayers this Week

Anglican Communion
 The Liturgical Consultation of the Anglican Communion

Diocese of Ontario
 The Rt Rev'd George Bruce
 Parish of St Thomas with St Paul's, Belleville
 The Rev'd Brad Beale

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
 Fellowship and Refreshment Hosts
 Families of: Marilyn Maracle, Murray & Sharon Maracle, Orla Maracle, Robin & Tammy Maracle, Roland & Betty Maracle

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8