



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

1st Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

GATHERING

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge this land on which St. Philip's Lutheran Church is located. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"Depth of Mercy with Search me, O God"

arranged by Cindy Berry

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Bible Bunch: What is Lent?

WORD

*God speaks to us
in scripture
reading,
preaching, and
song*

GOSPEL

Mark 1: 9 – 15

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign. We begin our Christian life with baptism and then, like Jesus, face testing. The Spirit of God accompanies us, both in baptism and in our wilderness.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he



was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

SERMON

Lent: A Look in the Mirror

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 322

Verses 1,3,4,7

Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore
forever and forevermore.

*God feeds us
with the
presence of Jesus
Christ.*



*God blesses us
and sends us in
mission to the
world.*

MEAL

THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "As the Deer Runs to the River", ELW 331

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

CARING in COMMUNITY

Vaccinations and COVID

POSTLUDE

"Lead Me, Guide Me, ELW 768



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

Reverend Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
James and Frances Selby	Reader
Meranda Phannenhour & The Bible Bunch	Children's Message
Sarah Pascoe	Hymn of the Day
Kathy & Tony Everett	Prayers of the People
Dawn Pascoe	Sending
Dr. Emma McCutcheon	Caring in Community
Lauren Voorpostel	Additional Music

IN OUR PRAYERS

The Suknundun family, Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Lenten Soup Supper & Service, Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm during Lent. Watch for an email on Wednesday with the link.
- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am for the ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING today, on Sunday, February 21st.
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.
- Neighbourhood Table @ Home: Deliver Good Food Boxes for 6 weeks to 45 families and 25 seniors. (February 18 – March 25)