



# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the 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 Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to meet, worship, and serve on this land.

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

### PRELUDE

*"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" with "In The Cross of Christ I Glory", arranged by Cindy Berry*

## WORD

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

### GOSPEL

#### **John 2: 13 – 22**

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*



<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Be Thou My Vision" (SLANE, arranged by Joel Raney)*

# THANKSGIVING

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Bible Bunch Birthday Greetings*

*50+*

*A Skill Building Support Group*

## CARING in COMMUNITY

## LORD'S PRAYER

# SENDING

## HYMN

### On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.  
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

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## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### SERVING TODAY

Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Sandi Hutchinson	Reader
Joyful Noise Bell Quartet	Hymn of the Day
Kathryn Erlandson	Prayers of the People
Choir	The Lord's Prayer
Dr. Victoria Myers	Caring in Community
Petya Stavreva	Additional Music
Kathryn Erlandson	Sending

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

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/](http://stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/).

#### WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

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

- Lenten Evening Service @ 7:00 pm, Wednesdays; after a community "soup" supper @ 6:00 pm during Lent. Watch for an email on Wednesday with the link.
- Zoom Cooking Classes, Wednesdays @ 2:00pm. Watch for link sent in email.
- 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
- 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)