



# ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THE BEACHES



*Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.*

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S NORWAY

*We are so glad to have you worship with us!*

*We are a growing, diverse, and energetic faith community learning to follow Jesus together.  
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# Ash Wednesday

## 7 PM – Wednesday, March 2, 2022

*Officiant & Preacher:* The Rev. Molly Finlay

*Reader:* Gordon Stock

*Music Director:* Cara Halpin

*Soloist:* Tara Baxendale

*(Please stand)*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God,  
you despise nothing you have made  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent.  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our brokenness,  
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

*All*             **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

## CP 175 - *Forty Days and Forty Nights* (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light has fled,  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

So if Satan, pressing hard,  
soul and body would destroy:  
Christ who conquered, be our guard;  
give to us the victor's joy.

Saviour, may we hear your voice --  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*(Please be seated)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### The Readings

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their  
sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as  
if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake  
the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements,  
they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not  
see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve  
your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. (Isaiah 58:1-12)

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 103:8-18**

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made; he remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass; we flourish like a flower of the field;

When the wind goes over it, it is gone, and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children;

On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.

*All stand for the Gospel.*

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

*(Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21)*

*Reader  
People*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Molly Finlay**

## Lenten Bidding

### *Celebrant*

Dear friends in Christ,  
every year at the time of the Christian Passover  
we celebrate our redemption  
through the death and resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Lent is a time to prepare for this celebration  
and to renew our life in the paschal mystery.  
We begin this holy season  
by remembering our need for repentance,  
and for the mercy and forgiveness  
proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes,  
an ancient sign,  
speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life,  
and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.

I invite you therefore, in the name of the Lord,  
to observe a holy Lent  
by self-examination, penitence, prayer,  
fasting, and almsgiving,  
and by reading and meditating on the word of God.  
Let us kneel before our Creator and Redeemer.

*(Please sit or kneel for prayer)*

## **Psalm 51**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice

**Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take away your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from the way of sin, O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.**



## Litany of Penitence

*All* Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you, to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned by our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

*Celebrant* We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not  
forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have  
not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy  
Spirit.

*People* **Have mercy on us, Lord.**

*Celebrant* We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,  
hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other  
people,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more  
fortunate than ourselves,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our  
dishonesty in daily life and work,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

*People* **We confess to you, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

*People* **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

*Celebrant* Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

*People* **Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.**

## Imposition of Ashes

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
from the dust of the earth you have created us.  
May these ashes be for us a sign  
of our mortality and penitence,  
and a reminder that only by your gracious gift  
are we given eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Those who wish to receive ashes are invited to come forward.*

## Music for Imposition of Ashes

## *The Lenten Prose*

*Celebrant* Accomplish in us, O God,  
the work of your salvation,  
*People* **That we may show forth your glory  
in the world.**

*Celebrant* By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,  
*People* **Bring us with all your saints  
to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you all your sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of God's peace to one another, with a smile or peace sign.  
No hugs or handshakes for now. You may be seated after the sharing of The Peace.*

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

*(Please stand)*

## The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Merciful God,  
turn us from sin to faithfulness.  
Accept our offering,  
and prepare us to celebrate  
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.  
*People* **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
because you bid your faithful people  
to cleanse their hearts  
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;  
that reborn through the waters of baptism  
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,  
we may be more fervent in prayer  
and more generous in the works of love.  
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**We remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* We break this bread,  
*All* **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

*Celebrant* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.  
*All* **If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

## The Communion

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

*Choir* O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
grant us thy peace.

## Communion Music

*Our Darkness (Taize)*  
*Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive (tune: Detroit)*

*(Please stand)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
God of compassion,  
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you reconciled your people to yourself.  
Following his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **Amen.**



## The Blessing

*Celebrant* Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* Amen.

*(Please stand)*

## Closing Hymn

CP 511 - *Lord Jesus, Think On Me* (verses 1, 4, 5)

Lord Jesus, think on me  
and purge away my sin;  
from earth-born passions set me free  
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
and share thy joy at last.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that I may sing above  
to Father, Holy Ghost, and thee  
the songs of praise and love.

## Dismissal

*Leader* So now go in peace, remember the poor,  
be kindly affectioned one to another!

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude



## Notes



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*The land we are standing on today is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.*

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