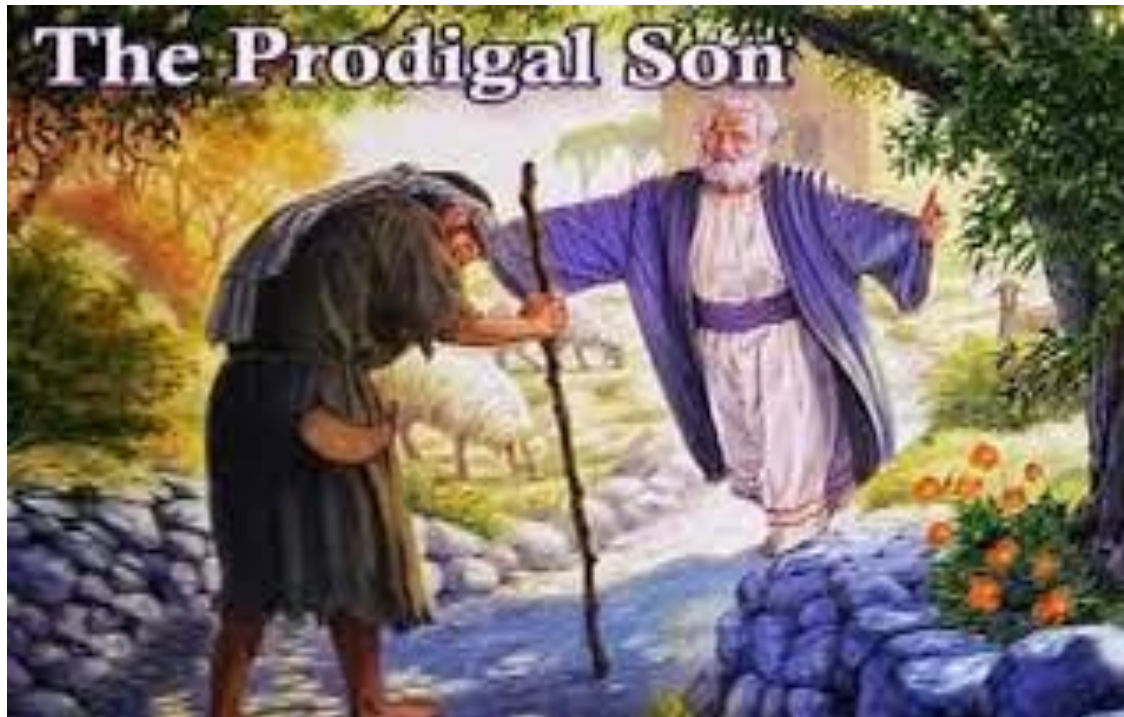


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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
IN PERSON SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST
AND ON FB LIVE
SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2022**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We believe we are called by God to be a faithful ministry to God through our actions, while true to the Gospel and spiritually alive in prayer, worship and service, to reach out to our community and grow in ministry.”

HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

Organist: Karl-Frédéric Bolte

Celebrant: Welcome

The service begins on Page 185 of the BAS with the "Gathering of the Community"

Sentence:

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.

[Luke 15.18]

Opening Hymn:

#564 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

Greeting Page 185 of the BAS

Collect of the day:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Dorothy Cunningham

This morning's first reading comes from the book of Joshua, Chapter 15 beginning at the 1st verse.

[Joshua 5:9-12]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.....

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Reader: We will all repeat Psalm 32 together with the Prayer at the end.

**Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!**

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

**While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.**

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my
moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

**Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not
conceal my guilt.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in time of trouble; when the great waters
overflow, they shall not reach them.**

**You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from
trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no
understanding; who must be fitted with bit and
bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**

**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy
embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you
righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all
who are true of heart.**

PRAYER:

Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. Amen.

This morning's second reading comes from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 5, beginning at the 16th verse. [2 Corinthians 5:16-21]

Listen now for the Word of God.....

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. [Silence followed by.....]

For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Gradual Hymn: #486 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

[You are requested to stay seated for the Gospel]

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke, in the fifteenth Chapter, beginning at the first verse.

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32]

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to

him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.' " So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found." '

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily/Homilie: Rev'd. Andy O'Donnell

The service continues on Page 188 with the Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Betty Cunningham
.....*With thanks to Reverend Lowell Grisham*

Presider: Compassionate and ever-loving God, you are always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, and you yearn to celebrate our return to your joyful presence: Receive with gladness the prayers of your people as we come to you in confident hope, saying: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away.

*Litanist: Gracious One, everything has become new in Christ, and you have entrusted to your Church the ministry of reconciliation: Endue with the power of your forgiving love all who serve in Christ's Name, that we may share in your work of reunion and celebration.
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.*

*Eternal One, in Christ you have proclaimed God's Reign among us and showed loving compassion as the true path of leadership: Be with our nation and all in authority, that we may work in harmony with you to create a world of feasting and reconciliation.
Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.*

Compassionate One, you welcome sinners and feast with them; you restore the prodigal and embrace the elder: Find all who are lost and return them home; protect those who work in dangerous, dirty and disreputable jobs; give security and joy to all who labour and yet are poor and hungry; and expand the hearts of those who are dutiful and proud, that the whole human race may celebrate together with music and dancing.

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.*

Gracious One, unite all of us in our communities and bind our divisions with your compassionate love, that we may welcome all as brothers and sisters to feast on the goodness of our inheritance.

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.*

We pray for those who are in need; may your new creation bring them hope, especially our Foster Children Kasu and Maria; Eileen, Ronnie and Gary Agle, The Goodfellow family, Bill and Joyce, Lyne Pierce, Olga, Ian McGregor, Denise Dubois, Anne Veilleux, Frances Boivin-Cunningham, The McConnell family, Ralph and Bev, Mitsa, Glenn and Kiki, Lil & Joe Robinson, Lil's sister, Claudette Blais, Pauline Drouin, Ann Hopkins, Sylvia Dawson, Donald Sloane, Jennifer and Derek Marchand. In the wider community we pray for the Steirli family, Bev and Frances Hynes, Patrick Turgeon, Della, Virginia, Gabriel, Jerry Osborne, Janet Osborne, Brianna Walsh, Brahim, Kevan, David, Bob Carveth, Robbie, Mark, Beth Reid, Brandon, Sarah, Paul and Rosemary Delaney, Pete, Len Levac, Kenneth Roberts,

Keith Donahue, Jerry Prokoki and Dianne. For refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected.

We embrace gratefully the abundance of your gifts to us. We entrust to your compassionate affection all who have died.

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away.*

*Presider: Protect us from presumption and judgment, O God, and lead us into the joyful celebration of your new creation on earth, that we may share in the generous banquet of your victory and enjoy the reconciliation of all people within your forgiving compassion by the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.***

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we uphold in prayer Mary our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and all Priests, Clergy, Deacons and Lay readers in the Diocese. In the world we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). We also remember in prayer Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Bruce Myers, Bishop, Diocese of Quebec and for our partnerships with the Territory of the Peoples, and for the Diocese of Masasi, Bishop James Almasi and our future partnership with the Diocese of Kinshasa, Bishop Achille.

*Lord in your mercy; **Hear our prayers.***

The service continues on Page 191.

The Peace [No contact – no hand shaking]

Offertory Hymn:

#500 "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

Prayer over the gifts:

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #1 on Page 193

The Lord's Prayer, Page 211

The Breaking of the Bread #7

Prayer after Communion:

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Doxology, Pg. 214

Blessing:

People: Thanks be to God.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

March 27th – Megan Jutras-Ward

March 27th – Stephanie Moquin

March 29th – Eileen Braganza

March 31st – Debbie Hamel

“Happy Birthday to You, To Jesus Be True, May God’s Many Blessings, Rest Upon You”

Announcements:

Closing Hymn:

LP #1 “Abba Father, let me know”

Dismissal.

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