

# St. John's Presbyterian Church

March 18, 2018

Lent 5



*To all who would know God and do God's will;  
for all who would live and serve to make the world better;  
to all who seek comfort and would find rest  
to old and young, wise and unlearned, rich and poor,  
saint and sinner, this church opens wide its doors  
and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you welcome  
to our Father's house.*

*Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter where  
Christians focus on spiritual purification, meditation and penance.  
Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*Enter to Worship*

*Leave to Serve*

**Welcome** to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary.

**\*Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

Please remember the people of St. John's in your prayers.

### **Lectionary Lessons for this Lord's Day**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm 51: 1-12

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

### **A PCC Mission Moment for Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

#### **World Day of Social Justice (Feb 20)**

In the community where Clara lives in rural Guatemala, many people believe that women can't be strong leaders. As a result, Clara once lacked confidence in her abilities.

This all changed when she participated in PWS&D-supported workshops designed to strengthen women's voices at home and in the community. Clara now works as a treasurer and health commissioner with organizations that are making her community a better place to live.

While fulfilling her passion for leadership, Clara is paving the way for future generations of women to help build more prosperous, just communities. "We are highly grateful to PWS&D for supporting us in order to significantly change the hard reality of oppression and marginalization that exists."

***PWS&D promotes gender justice***

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**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Call to Worship The Liturgy for Lent 5**

**Organ Prelude**

Adagio - Henry Purcell

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Paul Bunjes

**Hymn**

Dear Father, Lord of humankind

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**Opening Prayer**

**Glorious God, write your name on our hearts.**

**Inspire us with your law of love,**

**that we might proclaim this truth:**

**you are our God, and we are your people.**

**In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Praise Song**

Jesus loves me, this I know

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**Time with the Young and Young at Heart**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scriptures**

Read by **Rev. Fred Rennie**

Responsive Psalm 51: 1-12

OT pg. 527

Ezekiel 39: 21-29

OT pg. 831

Revelation 20: 7-15

NT pg. 249

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God for His Word to us.**

**Hymn of the Month**  
**Meekness and Majesty**

**Verse 1**

Meekness and majesty  
Manhood and deity  
In perfect harmony  
The Man who is God  
Lord of eternity  
Dwells in humanity  
Kneels in humility  
And washes our feet

**Chorus**

O what a mystery  
Meekness and majesty  
Bow down and worship  
For this is your God  
This is your God

**Verse 2**

Father's pure radiance  
Perfect in innocence  
Yet learns obedience  
To death on a cross  
Suffering to give us life  
Conquering through sacrifice  
And as they crucify  
Prays 'Father forgive'

**Verse 3**

Wisdom unsearchable  
God the invisible  
Love indestructible  
In frailty appears  
Lord of infinity  
Stooping so tenderly  
Lifts our humanity  
To the heights of His throne

**Sermon**

*“Whatever Happened to Hell?”*

**Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem**

Everlasting Arms - Susan Naylor Callaway

**Pastoral Prayer**

Hymn

How firm a foundation

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**Commissioning (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling  
as the people of God, the body of Christ.**

**Benediction**

**Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ**

**We are here joined in Christ,  
called to serve and adore Him.**

**Give us peace, perfect peace,  
patience and hope everlasting.**

**Send us to serve in our Master’s name,  
and to glorify Him.**

**Joined with Christ, and through Christ,  
praise our Father forever.**

Everyone is invited to the MacLellan room  
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Dan Plant**

## News for the Pews



Today's candles shine  
in loving memory of  
**Reg Evans**  
**Jean Foulds**  
**Ida Hurtubise**  
**Ron Primeau**

### Bible Study

Part 3  
Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

### Opioid Crisis Awareness Meeting

March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill

### Archives

St. John's Archives welcomes contributions of materials such as news clippings, bulletins or anything basically historical relating to the life and work of our congregation.

These items can be dropped off at the church office where Dr. Rennie will pick them up on his weekly day in the Archives. We may have duplicates, or you may think some things are not worth keeping, but please let your Archivist decide.

**Many Thanks for Your Support of the archives!**

### Sale

The W. O. C. will have the following items for sale after Worship today:

**Small Chicken Pot Pies**  
**Small Meat Pies**  
**Tomato Hamburger Soup (with or without Macaroni)**

### **Easter Cheese Drive**

Just a reminder that today is the last day to order your cheese for Easter. If you would like to support this effort to pay off the boiler debt but you don't like cheese, you can make a contribution on the Specials line and indicate "Cheese."

### **Sunday School/Spring Break**

There won't be any Sunday School lessons today

The Nursery will be open  
and children are welcome.

Activity bags will also be available for children  
who wish to stay upstairs with their parents for the Service.

### **Right Now Media**

FEATURE: *The Prodigal Son*  
A cinematic retelling of the parable of the Prodigal Son

### **Grief Share**

A Grief Support Group  
March 20, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Salvation Army  
500 York Street

This is non-denominational  
and is a new Christian Support network  
for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

The Bereaved Families of Ontario – Cornwall Chapter  
has more than they are able to cope with.

**St. John's Presbyterian Church**  
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**Today's Greeters:** Dan Plant, Barbara Mason

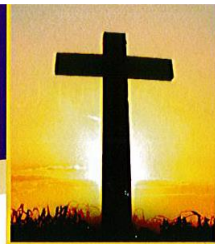
**Today's Ushers:** Clement Gwanyama, Lise Evans

**We Are in This Together Here at St. John's**

"I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus,  
All around the world!  
Yes, we are the church together!"



# Fifth Sunday in Lent



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One: We are a people of memory and hope.

All: We are filled with laughter and we shout for joy.

One: We live with the assurance that God acts in love.

All: Our mouths are filled with laughter and we shout for joy.

One: God has done great things for us!

All: Our mouths are filled with laughter and we shout for joy.


One: God has refreshed our lives with cool waters.  
We have tasted God's salvation.

All: Our mouths are filled with laughter and we shout for joy.

One: Let us pray.

All: O God of hope, you have given us reason to be joyful and to laugh. With the Psalmist we remember and celebrate your faithfulness in the past. With the Prophet Isaiah we rely on the new things you have planned for us. We anticipate a joyous future when those who cry will shout for joy. We remember Jesus and celebrate the new thing made possible for us through Christ and the cross. We praise and adore you, O God, in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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# Grateful to Live a Healthy Life

"I am grateful that we can see another way to live a healthy life."

That's what Catalina Velásquez, a nutrition promoter in Guatemala, says about a PWS&D project teaching communities about the importance of eating fresh legumes and vegetables as part of a healthy life.

"We thought processed, packaged and canned products were the best," admits Catalina. "But that is not true."

Catalina is taking what she's learned about nutrition and cultivating local produce and putting it into practice at home. Catalina's youngest son can't wait to eat garden-fresh beans and greens after learning that the protein they contain will help him grow.

In a community where women have little opportunity to move forward, the program is a vital source of empowerment, enabling Catalina and other women to defend their right to improve their lives and the well-being of their children.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need. Through support of PWS&D, women are claiming their right to a healthy life.

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**IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE  
GONE BEFORE US**



Easter Lilies are a sign of new life and symbolize the new life we have in Jesus Christ. Each Easter we have a lovely display of lilies filling the sanctuary with new life.

Lilies can be purchased in memory of your loved one at a cost of \$12.00 each.

**In order to place your order:** Please complete this form and place it on the offering plate along with your gift, **no later than March 25th.** Please note that income tax receipts will not be issued for this purchase.

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Loved One's Name)

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Giver's Name)

would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After the service on Easter Day (please check):

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I will take back my plant.  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. My plant may be given to a shut-in.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **I will help deliver any lilies on Easter Day.**

We are requesting persons to help with delivery of lilies to people in the congregation whose name and address will be marked in individual envelopes. If you would like to help, please sign this portion, tear off, and place on offering plate. Thank you for your help!

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