

2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 5, 2023 Morning Prayer will be lead by Father Gordon from the Book of Common Prayer at 10:00am in the Church Hall

The Hymns for today are:

#505 - Be Thou My Vision

#393 - Immortal Invisible God only Wise

#508 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis: Chapter 12: Verses 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121



The Lord him-self watch-es o-ver you.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans: Chapter 4: Verses 1-4 & 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 3

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, what whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayer Over the Gifts: God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

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**

Closing Hymn **#520 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

Prayer and Reflection: Carolynn Barko, who is working on her Masters of Theology at Emmanuel College (part of the Toronto School of Theology) has offered to facilitate a Prayer and reflection group. The group will meet every other Wednesday (next session will be March 15) in the Parish Hall from 7:00 - 8:00pm. Carolyn has experience facilitating groups. This can be a Lenten Discipline or what is truly a way to encounter God in our lives. All are welcome.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: The Supper on February 21 was supported by parishioners and citizens with donations and with ticket sales. After all expenses we earned a total of \$988.57. Thank you to all those who helped in many ways and supported the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Amy Hillyard

Yarmouth Food Bank and/or Yarmouth Fuel Bank Donations: Many people are struggling; you can help by filling the Food Bank Cart each week. You can make donations to the Yarmouth Food Bank and Yarmouth Fuel Bank by cheque in your envelope. We will forward to the organization for you. The Warden

Parish Council: At the Annual General Meeting last Sunday, the following parishioners were elected to the Council for 2023: Warden Janet Beatty, Treasurer David Warner, Members at Large: Michelle Warner, Phyllis Kendell and J.P. Ferron, Synod Delegates: Joan Fields and Michelle Warner. Shirley Muise will represent the Altar Guild on Council. This leaves important positions unfilled; i.e. Warden and Secretary: Parish Council will be seeking volunteers to fill these positions in the next few weeks. Please offer your time and talent to the Parish's Work.

Donation Options

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR): A diocesan direct debit program of automatic monthly bank withdrawals. To apply, go to <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/resources/pages/par-program>. Ask the Treasurer for details. We have forms in the office for this program.

Electronic Transfer: We accept e-transfers directly into the Parish bank account at BMO. Please use the office e-mail yarmouthtusketooffice@ns.aliantzinc.ca.

Calling all Bell-ringers

The Bells of Holy Trinity provide a reminder of our presence in the community. We will teach anyone who would like to learn to ring our church bells. Age does not matter: adults & young people are welcome. This ancient art will only continue if we pass it on to another generation. But there are two bits of bell information that many do not know. First, although the bells are located at the top of the bell tower, they are rung from a room much lower down. Second, because there are 11 heavy bells (they weigh around 11,000 pounds in total) most people think it takes a lot of strength to ring them. But actually, the wooden handles you move to ring each note, can be operated by a child. So, if you would like to take a closer look and ring a few bell notes, just contact a Warden or the Office. Thank you from Ron Cox