

St. Thomas Anglican Church

Sets its heart toward being a Christian home that welcomes, encourages, and seeks to inspire all people.

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 – 9:30 am



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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.
~John 12:26~*

Prelude: Bonnie MacDiarmid

Processional Hymn: **#505 Be Thou My Vision**

The Gathering of the Community: *The Grace*

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Trisagion:

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Holy God...

Collect of the Day

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The Proclamation of the Word:

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1st Reading: *Jeremiah 31:31–34*

Psalm: *Psalm 51:1–13*

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 5:5–10*

Gradual Hymn: **Lord of the Dance**

Holy Gospel: John 12:20–33

Homily:

Rev. Lee Lambert

Anthem: **Come Now and Follow Me**

Prayers of the People #14 – Lent

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Prayers for the neighbourhood (21):

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O Lord our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our neighbourhood to your care, that it might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers for the Parish:

This week we pray for members of our Parish Family: **Linda Cathcart; Ana Challenger; Calvin & Susan Chapman...**

For those needing healing: **Audrey, Dennis, Diana, Doreen, Judy, Lorna, and Sarah...**

Confession and Absolution:	Pg. 191
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Celebration of the Eucharist – Preparation of the Gifts	Pg. 192

Offertory Hymn: ***I Feel the Winds of God Today***

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Communion Hymn: **#543 *Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up***

Prayer After Communion	Pg. 295
Let us pray:	Pg. 214
<i>All your works praise you, O Lord.</i>	
<i>And your faithful servants bless you...</i>	

Recessional Hymn: ***We Shall go Out With Hope of Resurrection***

Announcements

Benediction: ***Go Now in Peace***

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Postlude: <i>Bonnie MacDiarmid</i>	

Thank you to our Altar Guild members:

Arlene Simonovich; Beth Barden; Pam Hazen; Sylvia Stephens

Announcements...

Coffee Hour: Please join our hosts, *Barb and John Bottriell*, after the service in the **Church Hall** for some yummy treats and a cup of hot coffee or tea.

Coffee Hour Ministry: We are now looking for volunteers for the months of April, May and June—then it's our summer break. You can help by signing up on the list in the lower hall or by email: scdow61@gmail.com or telephoning (613) 292-3187. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Morning Prayer Services: Our mid-week service continues **Wednesday, March 20th, at 10:00 am.**

Pastoral Care: Our next team meeting will be on **Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7 pm in the Council room.**

Open Table: Please join us this **Saturday, March 16, 2024,** for our monthly Open Table dinner. The **doors will open at 4:30 pm and dinner will begin at 5:00 pm.** Please enjoy a meal with your friends, family, and neighbours.

Loonies for Lent: Our Lenten Loonies collection continues All proceeds will go to St. Thomas' outreach initiatives.

Clothing Drive: The ACW's *Next to New Clothing Shop* opened on March 12th and was received with warm smiles and thankful hearts. Over 500 articles of clothing were picked up yesterday (not to mention many free items that went out the door). There is a definite need in this community, and it is with grateful hearts that our ACW team thank all who have donated clothing and contributed their time. Thank you for partnering with us to show the love of God and to help us fulfill His promise to provide for His children. Donations continue to be accepted between now and June. **There is a NEED for children's size 4-10 (especially boys) clothes and shoes.** All items accepted during office hours (Tues–Thurs, 9am until 1pm). Please ensure clothes are clean, without holes, rips, or pet hair. If you would like to help, please email Diane Clement bill.di@sympatico.ca or Pam Hazen pam.hazen@me.com.

Easter Flower Donations: If you would like to donate to our Easter flowers, please fill in the information on the white envelopes found in the Narthex, and return to Arlene, the office, or place on the collection plate no later **Tuesday, March 26th.**

Palm Crosses: Everyone is welcome to join **Friday, March 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Council Room** to make our palm crosses. No experience is necessary. If possible, please bring your own scissors.

ACW Annual Easter Bake Sale: These delicious treats will be **available for you to buy on Palm Sunday, cash only, March 24th, following the service.** Be sure you don't miss out!

Office News: Carolyn is away **until Tuesday, March 19th.** The office remains open during regular hours.

Prayer Ministry: For anyone needing special prayer, please join our prayer team members in the little alcove on the right-hand side of the church after you have received the Eucharist. The curtains will be closed for privacy. Anything discussed will be kept confidential.

<u>Assisting Today:</u>	March 17th, 2024	<u>Assisting Next Week:</u>	March 24th, 2024
Reader:	Maureen Anderson	Reader:	Barbara Cordukes
Sides Person #1:	Mary Attwell	Sides Person #1:	Pam Burnside
Sides Person #2:	John Bottruell	Sides Person #2:	Jane McCaig
Lay Reader:	Pat McNally	Lay Reader:	Arlene Simonovich
Announcements:	Pat McNally	Announcements:	John Bottruell
Projection:	Ryan Dallaway	Projection:	Pat McNally
Prayer Team:	Merilee & Bonnie	Prayer Team:	Sally & Bonnie

Readings for March 24th, 2024: Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16 Philippians 2:5–11 Mark 15:1–47