

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ **March 5: Bible Study** 7 pm - Home of Suzanne Langmaid, 399 Crock's Point Road (*drive to the end of the road, before the sharp right turn and take the driveway on the left at the cream coloured house, drive in that same driveway to the farm house set off the road*); please join us
- ★ **2018 Lent Talks with Bishop Bill Hockin:** March 5 & 12; 12:15; Crowne Plaza Hotel
- ★ **March 16: Next WOW meeting;** 1pm in the Medley Room where we will set up for the St Partick's Day dinner and work on the twiddle muffs. Please bring a donation for the Keswick Ridge School breakfast/lunch program. Their list of suggestions is posted on bulletin board at back of Church.
- ★ **March 16: Supper at All Saints' to celebrate St Patrick's Day;** 6:00 for dinner; don't forget to wear your green; come join us for dinner and fellowship.
- ★ **April 21: Strike-out Child Hunger Diocesan Bowling Tournament in Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton (contact Kevin McAllister to get involved).**

How do you know when it's time to clean house? Here are some signs that will definitely let you to know that it is time to clean house: when your feet stick to the floor when you walk through the kitchen; when kids in the neighbourhood use their fingers to write "wash me" in the dirt on your windows; when there are more dishes in the kitchen sink than there are in the cabinets; when you have enough dust bunnies under your bed to start a bunny farm. Odds are our houses probably aren't that bad, but we all need to do a little house cleaning once in a while.

Jesus did some house cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration. Jesus went to the temple. He couldn't believe what he saw. There were people selling cattle, sheep, and doves to be used as sacrifices in the temple. There were even tables where men were changing money so that people could pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a flea market than a house of worship.

Jesus was so angry that he picked up a piece of rope, made a whip, and drove the animals and those who were selling them out of the temple. He went to the money changers and turned their tables over, scattering coins all over the temple floor. To the ones who were selling the doves he said, "Get out! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market." Jesus did some serious house cleaning in the temple that day!

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also remember there is some other cleaning that needs to be done. The Bible tells us that we are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in us. (1 Cor. 3:16) The season of Lent is a good time for us to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be cleansed. Are there some areas of your life where you need to do some house cleaning?

Father, help us to remember that we are your temple and that your Spirit lives in us. Help us to keep our lives clean and useful for service to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OUR PRAYER LIST

We Pray for Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon, Archbishop John Privett and the Provincial Council. Bishop David Edwards, Claude, William, and George, retired Bishops, and their families.

Remember in Our Prayers this week: Becky Andrews, Wendy Banks, Christina Brewer, Debbie Brewer, Aliyah Crouse, Ardith Crouse, Rozelle Crouse, Stanley Crouse, Stephen Crouse, Linda Dykeman, Ruth Gilmore, Carole Gorham, Glenna Haines, Donald Hayward, George Hayward, Ruby Hayward, Gabriela Alonso Jones, Jason Jones, Pat Jordan, Mark Kirby, Harold Love, Simon MacDougall, Vivian McCordick, Phyllis Mooers, Ernest Newhook, Clark O'Donnell, Marilee Price, Ken Reid, Jeremy Robinson, Richard Sharpe, Ethel Staples, Tyler Tapley, Ann Thurrott, Joyce Webster, . . .

The Anglican Parish of Bright

3rd Sunday in Lent - March 4, 2018

All Saints' 9:30

Order of Service BAS

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Officiant - The Venerable John Sharpe; Readers - Suzanne Langmaid & Mabel Monteith

Hymn

The Gathering of the Community

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Collect - **Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

A Reading from Exodus (20:1--17)

God spoke, and these were his words: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves. "Worship no god but me. "Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord your God and I tolerate no rivals. I bring punishment on those who hate me and on their descendants down to the third and fourth generation. But I show my love to thousands of generations of those who love me and obey my laws. "Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the Lord your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name. "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work—neither you, your children, your servants, your animals, nor the foreigners who live in your country. In six days I, the Lord, made the earth, the sky, the seas, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That is why I, the Lord, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy. "Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you. "Do not commit murder. "Do not commit adultery. "Do not steal. "Do not accuse anyone falsely. "Do not desire another man's house; do not desire

his wife, his servants, his cattle, his donkeys, or anything else that he owns.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from 1st Corinthians (1:18-25)

The teaching about the cross seems foolish to those who are lost. But to us who are being saved it is the power of God. It is written in the Scriptures of Isaiah: “I will cause the wise men to lose their wisdom. I will make the wise men unable to understand.” Where is the wise person? Where is the educated person? Where is the philosopher of our times? God has made the wisdom of the world foolish. The world did not know God through its own wisdom. So God chose to use the message that sounds foolish to save those who believe it. The Jews ask for miracles as proofs. The Greeks want wisdom. But we preach Christ on the cross. This is a big problem to the Jews. And it seems foolish to the non-Jews. But Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God to those people God has called—Jews and Greeks. Even the foolishness of God is wiser than men. Even the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (2:13-22)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

But it was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. So Jesus went to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found men selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging money. Jesus made a whip out of cords. Then he forced all these men, with the sheep and cattle, to leave the Temple. He turned over the tables and scattered the money of the men who were exchanging it. Then he said to those who were selling pigeons, “Take these things out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a place for buying and selling!” When this happened the followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures: “My strong love for your Temple completely controls me.” The Jews said to Jesus, “Show us a miracle for a sign. Prove that you have the right to do these things.” Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days.” The Jews answered, “Men worked 46 years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?” (But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. After Jesus was raised from death, his followers remembered that Jesus had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the words Jesus said.)

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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Prayers of the people

Faithful God of love, you blessed us with your servant Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and with mercy. We gather the needs of ourselves and others, and offer them to you

in faith and love, seeking to be strengthened to meet them. With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. ***To you O Lord. Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring your realm of shalom to fulfilment. Amen.***

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