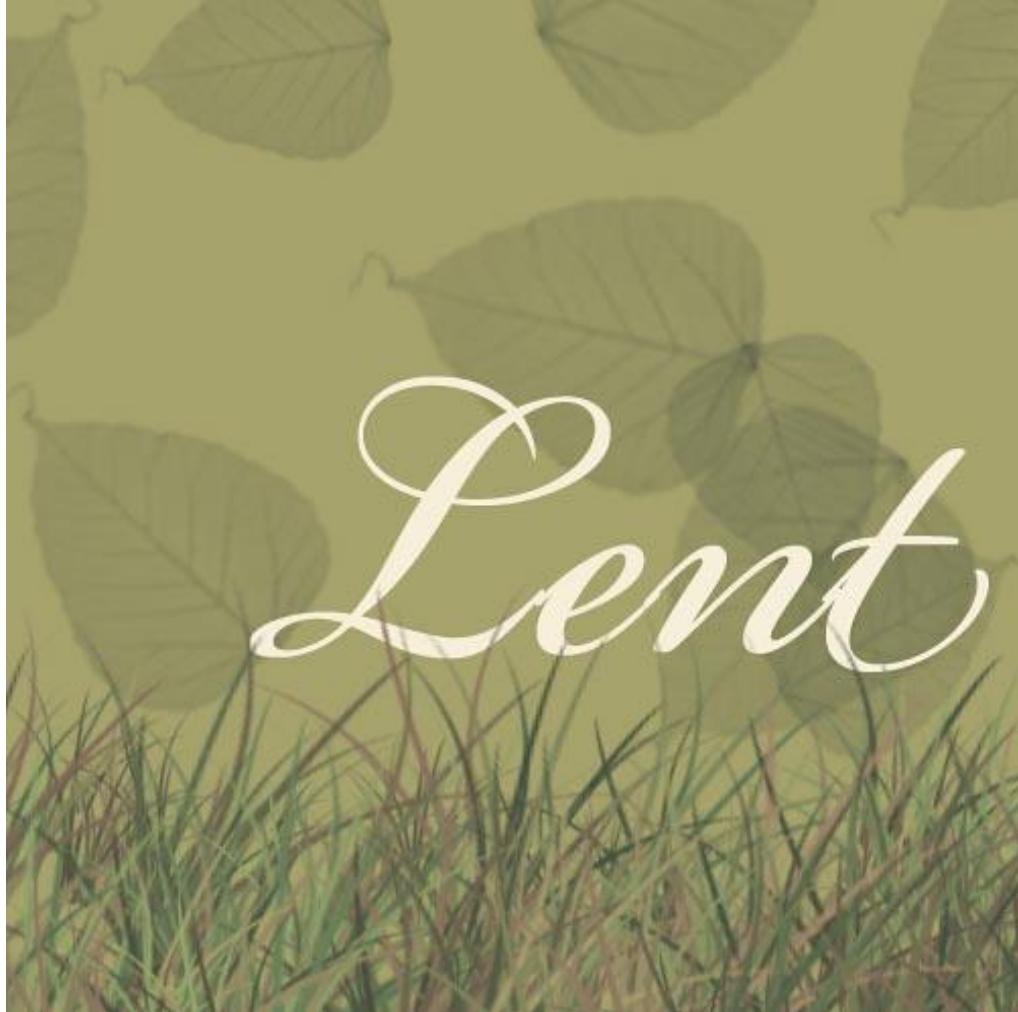


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8:30 & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling Pg. 185

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE: Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: (Prayer of the Day)

All: 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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PSALM 72

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy.

From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

Long may he live! May gold of Sheba be given to him. May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all day long.

May there be abundance of grain in the land; may it wave on the tops of the mountains; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field.

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

The prayers of David son of Jesse are ended.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF CORINTHIANS

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral persons—not at all meaning the immoral of this world, or the greedy and robbers, or idolaters, since you would then need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother or sister who is sexually immoral or greedy, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or robber. Do not even eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging those outside? Is it not those who are inside that you are to judge? God will judge those outside. “Drive out the wicked person from among you.” When any of you has a grievance against another, do you dare to take it to court before the unrighteous, instead of taking it before the saints? Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels—to say nothing of ordinary matters? If you have ordinary cases, then, do

you appoint as judges those who have no standing in the church? I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to decide between one believer and another, but a believer goes to court against a believer—and before unbelievers at that?

In fact, to have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? But you yourselves wrong and defraud—and believers at that.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

THE GRADUAL:

All: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:16b-35

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.

A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

THE GRADUAL:

All: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

SERMON: **Rev. Susan Snelling**

God of promise, inspire us on our Lenten journey with words of hope and encouragement. Tend our hearts and souls. Grant us courage to remain steadfast in our commitment to following in the way of our Shepherd and Friend your child Jesus. Amen

The significance of the first two verse of the Psalm should not be lost today.

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a King's son.
may he judge your people with righteousness,
And your poor with justice.

When there was a King in Israel, he represented God. Therefore, it was hoped that the King would judge wisely and fairly as God did. Now we know that this wasn't always true. Israel had a series of both good and bad kings leading to both times of prosperity and times of desolation. But it was the expected norm.

Jesus begins his ministry in the gospel of Mark with casting out an unclean spirit, healing many, and preaching. Crowds gather around to be healed and to hear him. At this point, it seems as if Jesus is realizing the scope of the crowds and the multitude of demands they will make. He appoints twelve apostles. They are to: be with him; be sent out to proclaim the message; and to have authority to cast out demons.

Jesus needs help in order to carry on with his ministry. It is no longer a one man show. Perhaps not surprisingly at this point there is the episode with Beelzebul. Jesus' apostles would have no authority over unclean spirits if Jesus could not assert his authority in this realm and be recognized as being able to cast out unclean spirits. It has become clear that the clamouring crowds are having an effect on Jesus. He may have been hungry, tired, thirsty, or overwhelmed. In any case he is not himself, leading to speculation about what is going on. The scribes attribute his behaviour to Beelzebul - reasoning that unclean spirits relate to him, coming out at his command so Beelzebul can use them, therefore he must be an agent of Beelzebul or the demon himself.

Jesus responds to them by saying that he is in fact lessening the effect of Beelzebul which would make no sense if he was Beelzebul. His parable about the strong man being tied up in order for others to rob his house is lost on the scribes. Unclean spirits, addictions, low self-image, immoral behaviour all are symptoms of a person's spirit being overcome. All of the behaviours exhibited as a result can be forgiven at the appropriate time. However, portraying Jesus, the child of God, as a demon blaspheming against the Spirit of God, the power of God, the reality of God presence in the world - that cannot be forgiven because the scribes are failing to give Jesus his due as the "King" - the one sent as God's representative to bring justice to the world.

The paragraph at the end of our reading today is seemingly unrelated but I believe it is a perfect example of what Jesus is speaking about. Jesus's family appear, probably coming out to see what all the fuss is about. I don't think he is dishonouring his family. In fact, I think his family was a source of support for him. But rather

he is indicating the intent of his ministry - “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” The community that Jesus seeks to create is one in which all are included.

I refer back to the Psalm verses 12-14. For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death; He will rescue you. He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight.

The ministry that Jesus has undertaken and which he will share with the twelve whom he has chosen is new and different for a people who have been subsumed into the Roman Empire. Jesus is calling people to wholeness, to health, to agency so that they will have the courage to be active in their communities using different values to navigate with. Jesus calls them to do God’s will. We are to continue the work which Jesus and the twelve he gathered around him were doing. Proclaiming the message and bringing people into a relationship with God. God will provide solace or comfort and work to make all of us, new creations, free from the things that plague us.

People: **Amen.**

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE (#14)

(With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”)

Reader: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: 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.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

(Silence is kept.)

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

People: **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All: **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.**

EUCARISTIC PRAYER #5

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Celebrant: The Lord Be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We life them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.
People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, you Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took break, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed to you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit now and for ever.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: We break this bread,
All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.
All: if we have died with him, we shall live with him, if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: 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.

THE DOXOLOGY

All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING:

Celebrant: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

NOTICES: DAILY DEVOTIONS – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St Margaret's and Trinity – contact Norm Savill nsavill@bell.net to be included or check the parish websites.

LENTEN STUDIES GROUPS;

The "I ams" in John's Gospel – for six Thursdays of Lent between 12:00 and 1:00 and repeated between 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St Margaret's both in-person in the church and on-line.

Faith in the City: Conversations in Urban Theology – for the six Fridays of Lent between 12:00 and 1:00 at Trinity starting on the 4th of March. In-person in the church and on-line. Lunch to go.

MINI MEALS SALE – Trinity ACW

Trinity ACW do a fundraiser for local Barrie charities by selling prepared meals. They include:

Shepherd's Pies -Lg. \$7.00/ Sm. \$5.00; **Meat Pies** – Lg. (6") pie - \$7.00/ Sm. (4") pie - \$5.00; **Soups** - Squash, asparagus, beef barley, or bean and bacon -- \$6.00; **Potato Pancakes**, 2 per pkg. - \$1.00. Please **call Mae at 705 734 1888** to place your order and arrange for pickup. Pickup is also available after Church on Sundays but must be ordered ahead.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - Mondays during Lent 1:30-3:00 pm March 7th- April 11th

This study will be offered on Zoom. Rev. Susan Snelling will be leading it.

Witness at the Cross

Experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play in the Gospels. For each, Jesus has a particular meaning and message, and from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. Contact Rev. Susan Snelling at smsatgoodshepherd@gmail.com or revsusan@rogers.com.

Parish Outing: Windlee Maple Syrup Farm, Tiny.

On Sunday the 3rd of April we are organizing an outing to Windlee Maple Syrup Farm at 10 Baseline Rd North in Tiny. We will leave from St Margaret's at 1:00 p.m. or meet at Windlee at 1:45 p.m. There is no entry cost to the farm, but an opportunity to go on a wagon ride to try their maple syrup taffy and other products. Please contact Father Simon or Jen Reid for more information.

Easter Egg Hunt

We are planning an Easter Egg hunt for Easter Sunday (the 17th of April) after the 10:00 a.m. service. If you would like to contribute to the event then please drop off Easter Eggs or treats at the church office or talk to Bill Goodyer for more details. **Please, ensure they are nut free.**

Desk for the church office

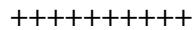
With the increase in pastoral staff we are needing two desks for the parish office. If you have a desk you would like to donate then please contact the parish office and we could arrange to fetch it.

Yard Sale

We are planning a church yard sale for Saturday the 4th of June. We will send out more information closer to the time, but please put this date in your calendar and hold on to things we might be able to sell. Contact Beth Steffler for more information.

THE DISMISSAL:

Reader: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



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Assisting today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan Snelling
Video Livestream: David Paradis

This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:

Colleen; Donna, Ray Wilson & Fraser Family; Irene; John; Kayla; Dorothy McIlravey & husband Chuck; Kim Middaugh; Lorraine W; Wilma; Sally; Steve & Jade; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Stephen Bertelsen; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Rev. Janet Mitchell; Dave & Winnie Fulcher; Martin Bertelsen; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda Jessem; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean.

The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:

Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Cecilia Mowat & Tanya Bowskill; Donna & Ray Wilson; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Marco Romita & Rose; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Alvin Maynard; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Deborah Hall; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Margie Mills; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of Kinshasa – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Christ Church St. James