

Lenten Practice

Forgiveness: Daily make time to be in God's presence. Share your failures as honestly as you can with God. Hear the words of Jesus: "Friend, your sins are forgiven." Receive this forgiveness and step into the new life God offers. If you need to make amends with someone, commit yourself to doing so as soon as possible.

**adapted from Trevor Hudson, 40 Words for 40 Days (Nashville: Upper Room Books, p.36.*

Anglican Parish of Stafford-Whitewater

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. St. Stephen's (Micksburg)

11 a.m. St. Paul's (Cobden)

Parish Incumbent: The Rev. L. Wheeler (613-735-3373)

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Hymn #602 *Lift High the Cross*

Gathering of the Community (*BAS, 185*)

Collect

The Proclamation of the Word

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (*BAS, 852*);

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gradual Hymn #386 *When I Survey ...*

Gospel proclamation: John 3:14-21

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed (*BAS, 189*)

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

(*P*) 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. [*time of silence*]

(*P*) Heavenly Father, (*All*) **We confess to you how unlike you we are in our attitudes and actions. We strive for recognition and acclaim from others. We look out for our own needs and concerns, failing to care for others except when it serves our own purposes. Forgive us our sins and renew our hearts and minds. Show us how we can gain our lives by giving them away. Work in us the power of your Holy Spirit so we become more like you and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(*P*) Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove our sins from us, strengthen our lives in his kingdom, and keep us upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful Lord. (*All*) **Amen. The Peace**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #606 *There's a Wideness ...*

The Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer #1 (BAS, 193) [*Sanctus and Lord's Prayer, said*]

The Breaking of the Bread #7

 (BAS, 213)

(P) We break this bread, (All) **Communion in Christ's body once broken.** (P) 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.**

(P) Let us remember who Jesus is, (All) **that we may remember who we are.**

Lamb of God (#745)

Prayer After Communion

(P) Strengthen for service, Lord, (All) **the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn #352 (v.1-4) *Amazing Grace*

Blessing and Dismissal

Prayers *Companion Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem*

In our diocese: For members of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

The people of God at Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

In our Parish: Rob & Glenda McKenzie & family (*St. Augustine's*); Olive Rollins (*St. Patrick's*); Dave & Karen Brenner (*St. Paul's*); Darrell & Joyce Leach & family (*St. Stephen's*); Stan & Jean Lopushanski (*St. Thomas*)

For those who have asked for our prayers: Anne, Heather, Jack, Ryan, Dakota, Haley, Sherry, Ruth, Lepha, Donna, Iris, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Donald, Phil, Jordanne, Ed, Peggy, Carolyn, Michael, Annemarie, Roy, Harry. For family, friends and

community mourning recent deaths and losses. For all those in need: those we hold in our hearts and those known only to God. For our indigenous brothers and sisters throughout Canada. For refugees and all who are homeless. For victims of violence, terrorism and natural disaster. For lasting peace throughout our world. For all of God's creation.

Readings:

Mar. 18 – 5th Lent (*Violet*)—Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; Gospel: John 12:20-33

Worship:

March 18 5th Sunday in Lent (*Violet*)

9 a.m. St. Thomas, Rankin (HE); 11 a.m. St. Augustine's, Beachburg (HE); 11 a.m. St. Paul's, Cobden (MP)

Holy Week

March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday (*Red*)

10 a.m. Joint Parish Service. St. Paul's, Cobden (HE)

March 29 Maundy Thursday with Service of the Shadows

7 p.m. St. Patrick's, Snake River Line (HE)

March 30 Good Friday

2 p.m. St. Augustine's, Beachburg

March 31 Easter Vigil

7 p.m. St. Thomas, Rankin (HE)

April 1 Easter Sunday

9 a.m. St. Stephen's, Micksburg (HE)

11 a.m. St. Paul's, Cobden (HE)

2 p.m. St. Augustine's, Beachburg (HE)

Annual Congregational Vestries:

Today! St. Paul's, Cobden – postponed from Feb. 25, following the service