

The Church of the Ascension

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The First Sunday in Lent

February 14th, 2016 10am Choral Eucharist

Welcome!

We are delighted that you are here this morning.

You are invited to join us in quiet and prayer before the service begins.

✘ **Prelude**

If we but suffer God to guide us
J.S. Bach

✘ **News of Parish Ministry**

(silence)

✘ **Processional Hymn**

Forty days and forty nights #175

✘ **Children's focus**

✘ *The Gathering of the Community*

BAS 185

✘ **Kyrie**

BAS 186

✘ Collect Prayer

Presider Almighty God,
All whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

✘ First Reading

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Reader: Sue VanderBent

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard

our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

✕ Psalm

91:1-2, 9-16



Refrain **He shall give his angels charge over you.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty. He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." **R**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. There shall no evil happen to you, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. **R**

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. **R**

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet. Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. He shall call upon

me, and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honour. **R**

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation. **R**

✘ **Second Reading**

Romans 10. 8b-13

Reader: Randy Woods

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

✘ **Anthem**

✘ **Gospel**

Gospel of Saint Luke 4.1-13

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

✘ **Homily**

✘ *The Apostles' Creed* BAS 189

✘ **Prayers of the People**

✘ **Confession and Absolution** BAS 191

✘ **Exchange of Peace**

✘ **Offertory Hymn** **Jesus, lover of my soul #533**

✘ **Prayer** *over the Gifts*

Presider God our refuge and our strength,
All receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name. Amen.

✘ **Eucharistic Prayer**

#6, BAS 207

✘ **The Breaking of the Bread**

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.**

✘ **Music** *during Communion*

Choral Hymn *As we gather at your table*

✘ **Prayer** *after Communion*

Presider Faithful God,
All in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ, who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

✘ **Doxology**

Presider Glory to God,
All 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.

✘ **Blessing**

✘ **Recessional Hymn** How clear is our vocation, Lord # 466

✘ **Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

✘ **Postlude**

Prelude in E minor BWV 548, J.S. Bach



We welcome all visitors!

Please join us for coffee following the service, be sure to sign the
Guestbook in the Narthex, and join us again soon!



The Flowers on the Altar are to The Greater Glory of God and
In Loving Memory of Raymond & Theresa Bowers (Parents of Stanley)

The Flowers on the North Memorial Table are to The Greater Glory of God
and In Loving Memory of Wendy Leigh Smith

Thank you to all those assisting in the service today

Greeters Jim & Catherine Bell / *Projectionist* Ruth Faulks

Wardens Nicole Smith, Stan Bowers / *Sunday School* Catherine Rhodes

Readers Sue VanderBent, Randi Woods / *Intercessor* Leonel Abaroa-Boloña

Chalice Bearers Gail Address, Leonel Abaroa-Boloña

Server Gail Address / *Organist & Choir Director* John Laing

Homilist & Presider The Rev. Ronda Ploughman

Those for whom we have been asked to pray

In our diocese, for the Parish of Saint Christopher's, in Burlington

For all refugees, in Canada and abroad.

For all people struggling with homelessness, in Canada and abroad.

In our community, we pray for

Adam, Angela Khan, Antoinette Highgate, Becky, Bert, Daphne Harper,

Dave, Doreen Parrot, Gary, George and Pat, Greer, Hans, Harry,

Jacqueline Crerar, Jovanne Rhodes, Kate, Mark, Michael Wilson,

Mikayla Fraser, Mike, Nancy Ribeiro-Doyle, Sarah, Sharon Kolenski,

Sonia Dias, Ted Stanton, The Hamilton family, The Reverend James and Mrs.

Rosemary Styles, Virginia McKenzie & Family, Winston Riley Karmody

At home / in care facilities

Art Williams

Birthday celebrations

Debbie Mummary, Barbara Laing, Daphne Harper

News of Parish Ministry

- **Parish Events** *during the Week at the Church of the Ascension*

Tues. Feb. 16 Bible Study, 10:30 am

Parish Council, 7:30 pm

Wed. Feb. 17 Lenten Worship service, 10 am / Evening Bible Study, 7 pm

Thu. Feb. 18 10 am – 12 noon, Book Discussion

7 pm Centering Prayer and Worship

- Today, **the parish lunch group** will gather at the *Pheasant Plucker*. All are welcome. See Sandra Boulter for details.
- **The PWRDF Lenten meditation books** with a PWRDF envelope are available at the back of the church. Please take one and use it for your daily meditation in Lent. Please consider a donation to PWRDF during Lent.
- **Message from Bishop Terry:** As most in the parish have heard, our Associate Priest, the Rev'd Ronda Ploughman, has accepted the position of Mission to Seafarers Chaplain in Hamilton effective March 1st. This is her last regular service with us as she goes for a training course in Texas the last two weeks of this month. However, Corporation has invited her back for a special parish farewell on Sunday, March 13th. Today I am away visiting another parish and I am thankful for Ronda both presiding and preaching today.
- **The Achievement Breakfast Club Program** requires drivers to take the baked muffins to Queen Victoria Elementary School every other Wednesday, anytime between 12 noon and 2pm. 3-4 drivers are needed, on a rotating schedule. This is not a big commitment of time. Please see Jean LePan if you can help.
- **The Social Committee needs help in preparing next week's Vestry lunch.** Please see Janice Maloney-Brooks or Sue Hawthorne-Bate.

▪ **Notice of our 165th Annual Vestry Meeting, Sunday February 21st**

Sunday, February 21st, 2016 after 10:00 a.m. Service.

The 2016 Annual Vestry Report is available after the service today. Please take it home to read and bring back for the Vestry meeting next week.

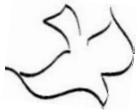
The Annual Vestry Meeting is defined in Canon Law as having the following purposes: 1) To approve Financial Reports for the year 2) To approve a budget for the next year and 3) To elect and appoint Officers. The month to month operation of the church is entrusted to the Wardens, advised by the Parish Council.

Eligible Voters are listed on the published Voters List and must register at the meeting. Eligible Voters are “baptized members of the congregation of the full age of 16 years, who for at least six months preceding the holding of a Vestry meeting have been identifiably involved with that congregation through worship, fellowship and financial support to that congregation”. See Canon 4.1 of Diocese of Niagara.

- **Christian-themed Discussions continue:** Dennis Goldsberry is going to continue Ronda's discussion of literature and Christian themes with an ongoing discussion of short stories, starting Feb. 18, 10 am in the church. The first story is "A Good Man is Hard to Find" by Flannery O'Connor. You may pick up a copy of the story with questions for discussion at the office. You should have the story read for the discussion and attempt to answer the questions as you read the story. You needn't write responses to the questions but just think about the answers as you see fit.

- **World Day of Prayer** March 4, 2016, noon, Stewart Memorial Church
114 John Street North. Accessibility at the rear of the church and parking across the street. The Country we are honouring is Cuba. Our own Leonel Abaroa-Boloña will be having the reflection/sermon then. Fellowship luncheon to follow the service. Serving on the planning committee requires a 3 hour commitment on January 29th and three hour commitment on March 4th please contact Jean LePan.

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- **Volunteers Needed** to help with the **After-Vestry Lunch on February 21**. If you can lend us a hand, we would sure appreciate it. Call Janice Maloney-Brooks 905-510-2710 or email Jann.brooks@hotmail.com or see Sue Hawthorne-Bate in person.
 - **Fundscrip Gift Cards:** order forms are available at the back of the church. **The February deadline for ordering is today, Sunday, February 14.** Please deliver your order in person (with a cheque payable to the Ascension) either to Nicole or Sandra after the service to ensure your order has been received, and it will be processed online the next day, ready for pickup at church on Sunday, February 21 just before the Vestry meeting. Thanks for your support.
 - **Refugee Sponsorship Support:** There are still some questionnaires available on the back table if you wish to participate in the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Programme, particularly as we shall be involved at the parish level. Please complete and return to any of the clergy or wardens.
 - **Newsletter Deadline:** The next newsletter deadline will be Friday, February 19 so please send photos and articles to Dave as early as you can. We hope to get the newsletter out by February 26th.
 - **Lenten Refreshments – Help Needed:** following the 10:00 a.m. service for the following three Wednesday dates: February 17, March 2, March 16 A sign-up sheet is on the back table. See Jean LePan for further information.
 - **Pre-authorized Giving (PAP):** Parishioners who are able, are encouraged to give this way, from a bank account or credit card. Forms for this purpose (bright red) can be found in the porch of the church.
 - **Take this bulletin home** with you! It is a good reminder for all the events taking place in our church and, also, it is very useful for giving away when telling and inviting others to come and worship with our community.



Worship *at the Church of the Ascension*

Sundays: 10am Choral Eucharist

(3rd Sunday: 8.30am Said Eucharist, 10am Choral Matins. 4th Sunday 7pm Taize)

Wednesdays: 10am Said Eucharist

Children's Church: On Sundays, children participate from both our service and their own time of Learn and Play. If you have any questions, please see Janice Maloney-Brooks or Bishop Terry.



Accessibility: The church is accessible **by the John St door.**

There are **accessible washrooms** in the main floor. Also,



hearing devices are available. For any concern about navigating our church space, please inquire from the Greeters. Thank you!

Parish Learning Groups

Tuesdays 10.30am Bible Study. Examining the Sunday Lectionary, both as a group and after the lead of guest speakers. Coordinated by Will Thwaites.

Wednesdays 7pm Bible Study. Learning about the history of the Church, its context and impact, in ages past and today. Coordinated by Stan Bowers.

Thursdays 7pm Centering Prayer. Exploring spiritual awakening through Christian meditation and contemplation. Coordinated by Nicole Smith.

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Is a Parish in the Diocese of Niagara, The Anglican Church of Canada

Rector's Warden Jack Faulks / *People's Warden* Garry Brown

Deputy Rector's Warden Nicole Smith / *Treasurer* Cam Atkison

Sunday School Janice Maloney Brooks / *Room Rentals* Ruth Faulks

Parish Secretary Marie Leone / *Associate Priest* Ronda Ploughman /

Organist & Music Director John Laing / *Bishop-in-Charge* Terry Brown