



*Come as you are!*

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*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
**Sunday March 22, 2015**



*An Emergent Liturgy  
for the Season of Lent*

## Opening Song

### *Mystery*

By Bruce Cockburn, adapted by Barry Taylor

You can't tell me there is no mystery  
Mystery  
Mystery  
You can't tell me there is no mystery  
It's everywhere I turn

The love of God it gives me vertigo  
Vertigo  
Vertigo  
The love of God it gives me vertigo  
And fills me up with grace

So all you stumblers who believe love rules  
Believe love rules  
Believe love rules  
Come all you stumblers who believe love rules  
Stand up and let it shine



*grit*  
**a collect**

Leader: Let us gather together in the name of God and for the sake of God's Kingdom

**All:** **We are cultivating stick-ability.**  
**We know that to deepen in prayerfulness and wisdom is likely to be a demanding thing.**  
**We recognize that the route to healing and wholeness will require changes in us.**  
**We sense that holiness is not a cheap acquisition but can be only the result of a lifetime's commitment.**  
**We will commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and his way.**  
**We will encourage each other.**  
**We will dig deep.**

- 'A Seasonal Aspiration' from the *May Be Community*, Oxford, UK

**First Reading**

Lector: Let us mark in holy scripture the good news of God for our lives and for the world.

A reading from Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: We will commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and his way.

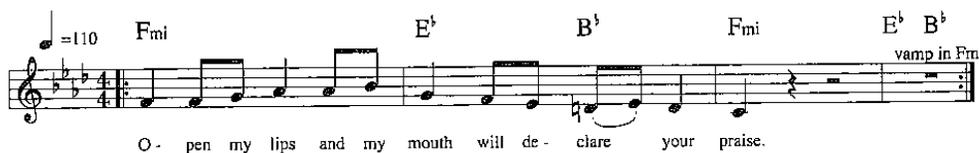
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# Song of Praise

## Psalm 51

Leader: For behold, you look for truth deep within me.

### 51 To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin
- 3 for I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 6 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will teach me secret wisdom.

#### antiphon

- 7 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 8 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
- 13 I shall teach your ways to the wicked,  
and sinners shall return to you.

- from *The Emergent Psalter*  
by Isaac Everett

## The Gospel

Lector: John's Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, good news for world.

**All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say-- 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Lector: We will commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and his way.

**All: We will encourage each other.**

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## Open Stations

*In place of the sermon this week, three 'open stations' are available for you to meditate on how God might be speaking into your life at this time. Each has a different practice which is described below and each encourages you to examine three elements of spiritual formation: orthodoxy (right belief), orthopraxis (right action), and orthopathy (right feeling).*

*You are welcome to go to any, all or none of the open stations as you desire. However you choose to journey, may God go with you.*

## Station #1: Orthodoxy (under organ loft)

### Mindfulness

**Invitation:** Meditate on 'Entreat me not to leave you' by Dan Forrest based on Ruth 1:16

*'Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you,  
Or to turn back from following after you;  
For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;  
Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God."'*



**Action:** Hold a card in your hand. On it you will see a mindful word of God's saving grace to encourage you to consider prayerfully how God is speaking to you in that word of hope for the world.



## (In front of lectern) Station #2: Orthopathy Prayer

**Invitation:** Meditate on Jeremiah 31:33:  
*'I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people'*

**Action:** Write a prayer for the world or for yourself and place it onto the heart of God.

## Station #3: Orthopraxis (High Altar)

### Art

**Invitation:** Meditate on the acrostic ICTHUS, the Greek word for fish widely understood to have been used as an acrostic: *I*esous, *C*hristos, *T*heou, *U*iou, *S*oter, 'Jesus Christ Son of God Savior'. During times of Roman persecution, if two strangers met and were unsure if each were Christian, one would draw an arc in the earth, if the other were Christian they would complete the symbol with a reverse arc forming the outline of a fish.



**Action:** Make a collage of pictures taken from everyday struggles for hope and justice from today's world and fix them onto an *ichthys*, a sign of the living hope we find in Christ for right living in the world.

## **A Creed**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

- A New Creed © The United Church of Canada

## **Prayers of the People**



*The liturgy is the work of the people. This morning we will engage together in the work of praying for each other, those in need, the world, and the mission of the Church.*

*As the intercessor leads us, offer your prayers of the people out loud.*

## Confession

Leader: Let us draw before God, whose grace is always enough.

**All:** **God of mercy,**  
**we denounce our pride, our arrogance,**  
**and all of the ways that we place our needs before the needs of others.**  
**God of peace,**  
**we confess our anger, the world's thirst for violence, our own lust for power.**  
**God of love,**  
**we name before you the good we have not done, our lack of courage to**  
**struggle for your kingdom, our failure to love as you love us.**

## Absolution

Leader: Nothing is beyond the grace of God, not even your sin.

May the God who shines as light in the darkness  
illumine your hearts, heal your brokenness, and accept you as God's beloved.

**All:** **Amen.**

## The Peace

Leader: We will commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and his way.

**All:** **We will encourage each other.**  
**We will dig deep.**

Leader: Amen. Peace be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

*We share the peace of Christ with those around us.*

## Community News

### Celebrations and Blessing

**All:** **Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase.**  
**Bless and guide them wherever they may be.**  
**Strengthen them when they stand.**  
**Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful.**  
**Raise them up if they fall.**  
**And in their hearts may your peace**  
**which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives.**  
**Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## Offertory Sentence

Leader: Come all you stumblers who believe love rules, stand up and let it shine.

### Offertory Song

#### *Blowin' in the Wind*

How many roads must a man walk down  
Before you call him a man?  
How many seas must a white dove sail  
Before she sleeps in this sand?  
Yes, an' how many times must the cannon balls fly  
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

How many years can a mountain exist  
Before it is washed to the sea?  
Yes, an' how many years can some people exist  
Before they're allowed to be free?  
Yes, an' how many times must a man turn his head  
An' pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
An' the answer is blowin' in the wind

How many times must a man look up  
Before he can see the sky?  
Yes, an' how many ears must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes, an' how many deaths will it take until he knows  
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind.

- lyrics and music by Bob Dylan

## The Doxology

### Thank You, Lord

Chords: G, D#dim7, Em, Am, A9, D7sus, D7, C, B7

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,  
 2 Been so good, been so good, been so  
 3 Been my friend, been my friend, been my

Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
 good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
 friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Chords: Em, E7/G#, Am, G/B, Am/C, Em/C#, G/D, D7, C/G, G

## The Holy Eucharist

**Presider:** We are created beings, requiring rest and refreshment. Even our Creator took a day to rest from His labors. On our journey through the wilderness, we stop for refreshment at this table, to feast with and on Jesus Christ.

**All:** **We come to this table because we are thirsty, and we long for a well that does not run dry. We come because we are hungry, and we know this bread is not bread alone.**

**Presider:** When we come to this table, we feast not only on physical gifts, but on the shared memories weaving together the history of the People of God.

We remember Adam and Eve, whose hunger to be like God surpassed their hunger to be in relationship with God.

**All:** **We remember Abraham and Sarah, who journeyed far from comfort, sustained only by their faith in God's promises.**

**Presider:** We remember Moses and the Hebrews, who lost more than just their way in the wilderness.

**All:** **We remember David, a man of great inconsequence who proved God's capacity to reverse and surprise.**

Presider: We remember Ezekiel, who witnessed God's life breathed into dead, dry bones.

**All:** **We remember the Prophets, who lost God, doubted God, lamented over God.**

Presider: And we remember and celebrate Jesus of Nazareth, who did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, to be born a human like us. He entered the desert to fast, pray, and face temptations. For three years, he taught, healed, blessed, fed, laughed, danced, rebuked, grieved, learned, and loved.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**All:** **Jesus asked us to remember him by eating and drinking this meal together. When we do this, "we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory."**

Presider: And we trust in his promise to send the Holy Spirit to us. We ask now for the Spirit to be present in this bread and this wine, and in each person gathered here.

**All:** **May our communion with one another embody the communion of God with humankind; may our rejuvenation through this feast make us mindful of God's constant provision and presence throughout our journey.**

Presider: Even as God here satisfies our physical hunger and thirst, may we be reminded of our deeper spiritual need: to hunger and thirst for God.

**All:** **Meet us in the breaking of the bread and in the pouring of the wine, God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Presider: Let us pray with boldness the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name  
Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
And deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We are one bread, one body.

**All: We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

## The Invitation

Presider: The table is prepared. As Christ freely fed those around him, so he desires to feed you today. Come and enjoy the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.

*You are welcome to come forward at this time to receive the bread and wine.  
If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate so by crossing your hands across your chest.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for welcoming us not only to your table, but into your Life, as living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

Leader: May this heavenly banquet give us strength and courage to let go of You, to allow You to become unknown to us, and to relinquish the idols of our faith. O God, make us aware of all the ways we are not-God, and of our beliefs about You which are not-God.

**All: Now send us out to do Your work, as we journey. Help us to love and serve You in all persons we meet this week, as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

## The Blessing

Presider: God's Blessing be with you,  
Christ's peace be with you,  
The Spirit's outpouring be with you,  
Now and always.

**All: Amen.**

# Closing Song

## *I have decided to follow Jesus*

Luke 9:57

Hindustani Folk Tune

♩ = 80

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be -  
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will  
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

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Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fore me; The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 fol - low; Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.  
 Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus; No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

## The Dismissal

Leader: We will commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and his way.  
**All: We will encourage each other.**  
**We will dig deep.**

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### Notes:

Eucharistic Prayer adapted from liturgy composed by Stasi McAteer

# This Sunday's Ministers

<b>Ministers</b>	Everyone!
<b>Presider</b>	Rev. Dr. Simon Mainwaring
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Stasi McAteer
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr. Patrick Walders
<b>Music Team</b>	Bill Hardin, Kevin Lomes, Tim Shields, Carolyn Shields, Nina Woods
<b>Greeter</b>	Erika Hernandez
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jack Murphy and Conner Murphy
<b>Usher</b>	Ken and Maile Busby
<b>Lector</b>	Rebecca Johnson and Johnny Miller
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Clarence Woods and Tom Billings
<b>Hospitality</b>	Ken and Maile Busby
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sara Oswald and Bunny Hand
<b>Family Ministers</b>	Alex Howard, Kristen Churchill, and Sara Oswald

## What's Coming Up This Week

**Sunday Mar 22nd**

**Emergent Eucharist**  
10:00am Church

**Vestry Meeting**  
11:30am Rector's Office

**Interfaith Shelter**  
Starting Saturday the 21st thru April 1st

**Monday Mar 23rd**

**The Living Room Drop In**  
9:00-10:00am Andrew's Hall

**Tuesday Mar 24th**

**Hunger Supper**  
6:00pm Andrew's Hall

**Wed Mar 25th**

**Tai Chi**  
9:00-10:30am Church

**Sunday Mar 29th**

**Palm Sunday All Age Worship**  
10:00am Church

**Rector's Forum: Re-Imagining our  
Worship Space Part Three**  
11:30am Andrews Hall

