
in our prayers

In the world-wide Anglican Communion: Pray for The Liturgical Consultation, its participants and secretary, as they resource, promote and strengthen the worshipping life of the Communion.

In the Niagara Diocese: (Mohawk) St. Paul, Caledonia; the Rev'd Cheryl Barker, Rector and the people of that parish.

In Cuba: The parish of San Pablo in Bolondron; the Rev'd Cristina Borges, Rector and the people of that parish.

In Uruguay: The parish of Trinity, Fray Bentos; the Rev'd Gonzalo Soria, Rector and the people of that parish.

Pray for our all our partners in mission.

For our bishops: Michael our Diocesan, Colin our Metropolitan and Fred our Primate, for all bishops, priests and deacons **and for the whole people of God in every place**, that together we may be faithful witnesses of God.

In our parish cycle of prayer: Joseph Soyko; George, Janet & Emma Stallwood; Geoff & Brenda Stephenson; Mick & Lil Stewart; Evelyn Strickland. Please pray also for our youth, our parish Youth Ministry, for Willem de Ruijter, our Director of Youth Ministry, and for all Youth Ministry Volunteers.

For the Queen and all in authority; for Stephen our Prime Minister; Dalton, the Premier of this Province; and Fred, our Mayor. For the Royal Family. For the peace of the whole world. For the oppressed in this land. For fisheries. For the poor and neglected. For the young. For those in affliction. For those who travel.

For those with special needs: for Michael, Faith, Jim, Leslie, Tim, Michael, Carman and for all who are ill or recovering from illness and for those who care for them.

If you would like to have someone with special needs to be included in our prayers for Sunday, please contact the Rector at anderson@rockonlocke.ca or 905-522-0602. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless renewed. For any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please contact Susanne Adams at sadams@mountaincable.net or 905-575-1815.

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Sunday



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

ISAIAH 43:16-21

PSALM

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

PROPSERS OF THE DAY

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. R

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. R

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. R

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. R

PSALM 126

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain

Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

¹ ¶ Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" ² —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— ³ he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ ¶ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink

of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the

true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷ ¶ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The

reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." JOHN 4:1-42 NRSV

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

upcoming

The following holy persons and special days are commemorated this week: Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711 (Commemoration, Mar 22); Gregory the Illuminator, Bishop of Armenia, c. 322 (Comm, Mar 23); Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556 (Comm, Mar 24); The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day, Mar 25); Charles Henry Brent; Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929 (Comm, Mar 27).