



The Good Shepherd
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ANGLICAN PARISH OF NEW LONDON

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February 22, 2026 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Worship on February 22
10 am – St. Thomas' HE

Today's Readings

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

- ~ Port Hill
- ~ St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown
- ~ St. George's, Montague

Provincial Prayer Care

- Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon
- ~ Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Provincial Council

DCS Cycle of Prayer - St. John's, Ellerslie

Prayer Partner - Parish of Timberlea-Lakeside

March 1: 2nd Sunday in Lent (violet)

Worship Time: 10 am – St. Mark's MP

Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Readers: Bronwyn C, Doris M

Prayers of the People: Marlene C

~**Many thanks** to James Ronahan, who will be singing an anthem today, accompanied by Hugh Jones.

~**Parish Annual Meeting will take place today, February 22**, following 10 a.m. Service at St. Thomas' and light lunch. We aim to start the meeting @11:30 (alt. Feb. 25). Just come along to church at 10 and stay...or come for 11:15 for meeting only...or come to church and not stay. There's always lots of food and having food is often a draw, and once already out in the daytime it's also a draw. Do hope you will join us!

~ Sheila Harrington will be collecting donations for the **Heart & Stroke Foundation** until February 28 (836-5299). Thanks for your generosity!

~**REMINDER:** Worship Services in March will take place at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's Church. All are welcome to attend!

~**Food Bank Sunday** is the first Sunday of the month. Donations of non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated.

~**Kensington & Area Christian Council** meeting – Monday, February 23, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Holy Family Parish, Kensington.

~**Clinton View Lodge sing-a-long** takes place on Thursday, March 5, 2:15 p.m. Come and enjoy time with the residents!

~**World Day of Prayer Service** will be held on Friday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. at Kensington Presbyterian Church. This year's service was written by the WDP committee in Nigeria, with the focus scripture being "I Will Give You Rest: Come" (Matthew 11:28-30). All are invited and encouraged to attend.

COLLECT

Almighty God, 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.

A READING FROM GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

PSALM 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,*

and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,*

because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night,*

my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,*

and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."*

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;*

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;*

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;*

I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;*

who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;*

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;*

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**Watch over us, loving God, and when we fall into sin teach us to
acknowledge our guilt. May we forgive and be forgiven, for the
sake of the one who was wounded for our transgressions, Jesus
Christ your Son our Saviour.**

A READING FROM ROMANS 5:12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of

righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our refuge and our strength,
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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, 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.

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high!
It fills the heart with ecstasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
2. God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place, but wore the robe of human frame for us, and to this lost world came.
3. For us he was baptized, and bore his holy fast, and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
4. For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his daily works he wrought; by words and signs, and actions, thus still seeking not himself but us.
5. For us by wickedness betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us at length gave up his breath.
6. For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign, for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
7. To God whose boundless love has won salvation for us through the Son, to God the Father, glory be both now and through eternity.

JUST AS I AM

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am – thy love unknown has broken every barrier down – now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

AMAZING GRACE

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found: was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

GIVER OF THE PERFECT GIFT

1. Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,
hear the prayer our hearts uplift, trembling at thy throne of grace.
2. Though the accusing voice within speaks of many a wrong to thee,
thou canst cleanse from every sin; thou canst set the conscience free.
3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mercy show thy power.
Lo, we plead thy promise now, now, in this the accepted hour.
4. Oh! May these our Lenten days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise we may keep thy feast at last.
5. God the holy Trinity, grant the mercy we implore;
God the One, all praise to thee through the ages evermore.