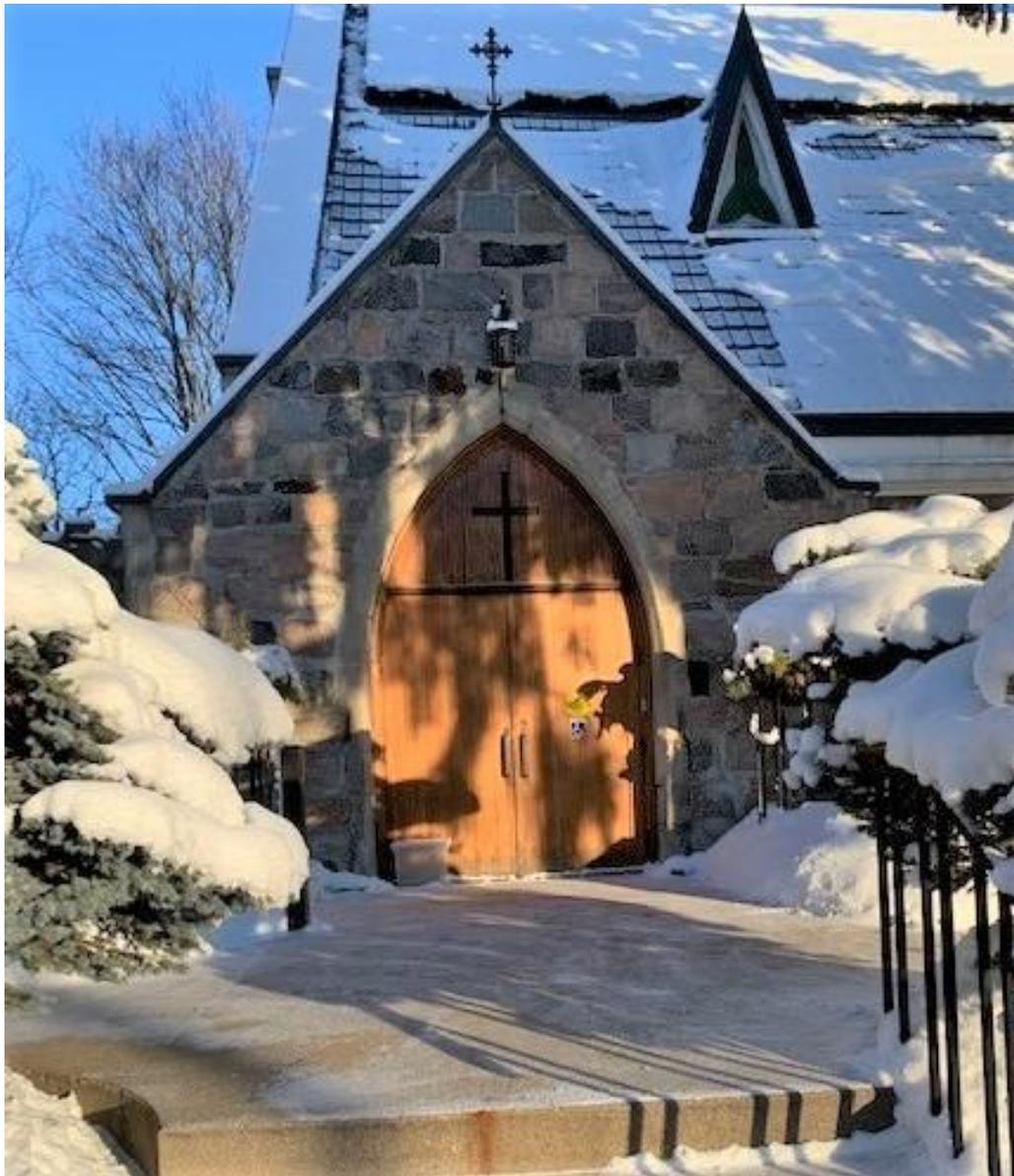




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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn **Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

CP#504

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbours
We have from you.

3. These are the ones we should serve,
These are the ones we should love,
All these are neighbours to us and you.

Refrain

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,
Silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Refrain

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves;
This is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
Varied in colour and race,
Neighbours are near and far away.

Refrain

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
Silently washing their feet,
This is the way we should live with you.

Refrain

THE GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

**People: to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: **Isaiah 40:21-31**

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by

name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

6 The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

9 He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;

11 but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a

Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some.

²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Gradual Hymn Dear God, Compassionate and Kind (vs1,2) CP#455

Dear God, compassionate and kind,
Forgive our foolish ways,
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee!

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast

out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gradual: Dear God, Compassionate and Kind (vs 4-5) CP#455

Drop thy still dews of quietness
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace,
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm,
O still small voice of calm.

Homily:

Gilles Haché

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

The 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

The Sending Out

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes CP#98

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour
comes,
The saviour promised long:
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

Christ comes, the broken heart to
bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And from the treasuries of grace
To bless the humble poor.

Christ comes, the prisoners to
release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst;
The iron fetters yield.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of; St. James Church, Fairmont; Church of the Ascension, Kinlough; Christ Church, Markdale; Christ Church, Meaford

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Gayle Holmes, Sarah Howard, Truda & John Howard and their families; and all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bill, Charlie, Howie, Jason, John, Mike, Paul, Patsy, Ruth, Sandra, Simon, Steve, Theresa, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, Wayne P., Wilma and any others who are in need of our prayers.

**Next week: Sunday, February 14th, 2021; Transfiguration Sunday
10:30am Online Service of the Word (by Google Meets)**

Presider & Homilist: Francis Richardson
Lay Reader/Postulant: Gilles Haché Reader: Linda Emptage

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9