

St George's Anglican Church Fairvalley

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for he taught them as one having authority,
and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22

Sunday Worship at 11:00 am
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(Please follow the green Book of Alternative Service)

Opening Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 21

The Gathering of the Community p.185

Kyrie - Confession

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

Lord, have mercy

We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.

Christ, have mercy

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.

Lord, have mercy

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

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2nd Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to

idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 210

The Gospel

MARK 1:21-28

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO
MARK

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Rev. Daniel Tatarnic

Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds # 123

The Apostles' Creed

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The Prayers of the People

The Celebration of the Eucharist.

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All baptized persons are welcome at the Communion table.

Offertory Hymn *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* # 65

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer # 2 p.196

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord p.196
Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Bless-ed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer p.211

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymn *Come, Share the Lord.* # 463

Prayer after Communion (please stand)

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

Doxology p.214

Blessing

Closing Hymn *How Great Thou Art* # 147

Announcements

The Peace

Prayers of the Week

National Churches:

Anglican The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

Lutheran The Dean, Council and Congregations of the Toronto Conference of the Eastern Synod.

Toronto Diocese: Scarborough Deanery.

Huronian Deanery: The Rev. Daniel Tatarnic & The Rev. Sue Curtis (Deacon)

Parish Family: Jim, Vickie, Jennifer, Drew, Greg Taylor; Tom, Kathryn, Michelle Taylor; Doug, Francis, Adam, Ruth-Ann Thompson.

For continued strength and healing: Alan Beard, Grayson, Timothy, Paul, David, Mary Pryce, Jim Golding, Harold Gill, Elma, Rose Connell, Mildred, Mike, Kirsten, Suzanne, Dave & Susan Moore, Greg & Sue Physick, Joyce Holden, Isabelle Schaller, Evelyn Reid, Mildred Goss, Patrick, Marie-Luise & John Lister, Joan Silk, Peggy Walker, Marie Baker, Otti Gloger, Marg Letwinuk, Barbara, Mord Laughlin; Larry Hawryluk, Eric & Abby Dawe, Peter Stone.

Announcements

Please join us for refreshments following the service. Next Sunday is Foodbank Sunday.

Vestry reports are available today. Please take one per family and please bring it with you to the Vestry Meeting on **Feb 4**

The Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit requires that our water be tested every two months and that the test dates and results be recorded. If you are willing to take on this task, please let the wardens know.

Feb 02 Candlemas Service at St. Mark's, Midland @ 7:30pm. Candlemas is the Christian Festival of Lights, and this celebration marks the end of Christmas. It falls at the mid-point of winter and is a practical celebration: during the candle-mass, candles used in the church and in homes are blessed for the upcoming year. We begin in the church with a blessing of candles. (You are invited to bring candles from home to be blessed). We will then each take one candle in a short procession through the dark streets of the surrounding neighbourhood, a physical reminder of our calling to be present 'here in this place' as 'light in the darkness'. For those who are less mobile, prayer vigil is held in the church while the walk is taking place. We conclude our evening and our worship back at the church, the whole event taking no more than about an hour.

Feb 04 Annual Parish Vestry at 10 am at St. Matthias. This is a very important vestry as significant concerns re the future of the parish as a whole will be addressed. A pot luck lunch will follow the meeting.

Feb 13 Official "kick-off" date for the parish's Capital Campaign

Feb 26 Winter Social at the home of Lynn Howard.

Food for Thought:

- To what extent is our church reaching out and helping it's community?
- Would the local community miss our church as a presence?
- To what extent is our church impacting the community with a Christian message that challenges the values of our secular society?"
- ***"We cannot build our own future without helping others to build theirs."*** *Quote by Bill Clinton*