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# EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

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February 21, 2010

## LENT

“In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year’s income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year’s days.

After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves.

What does your relationship with God mean to you?

When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like, and what do you see in it that you most deplore?

If you had only one message to leave to those who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?

Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?

To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business all in all. But if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end.”

From *Whistling In The Dark*  
by Frederick Buechner

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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OPEN DOORS OPEN MINDS OPEN HEARTS

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# EGLINTON ST. GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH

February 21, 2010 10:30 a.m.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Congregation is invited to join in responses which are **bold**.*

*The Mass setting is the Missa Brevis by Palestrina, with Jazz interpolations by Brian Barlow.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

HAITIAN KYRIE

*Feuilles-O*



Hear us, O Lord, this day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hear us, O Lord, we pray: \_\_\_\_\_ Ky - ri -  
Hear us, show us the way: \_\_\_\_\_



- e e - lei - - - son. \_\_\_\_\_ Hear us,  
Hear us,  
Hear us,



\_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, this day: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ O Lord, we pray: \_\_\_\_\_ Ky - ri - e e - lei -  
\_\_\_\_\_ show us the way: \_\_\_\_\_



- - son. \_\_\_\_\_ Sau - vez moi la vie, O Jé - su,



sing of the Lord's good - ness, mel - o - dies of praise and



thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,



hon - our him and bless his name. \_\_\_\_\_

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Participating in today's service are: Ken Smee (coordinating greeter); Chris Bee, Joanne Bee, Liz Blake, Christine Gillespie, Ann Vanstone (greeters); Connie Capes-Leslie (liturgist); Bryan Estabrooks, Susan Hall (readers); Don Parsons (preacher); Mary Ann Borden, Gord Brookes, Ann Bytbell, Dana Clemens, David Clemens, Paul Colman, Arlene Duncan, Betty Heininger, Stuart Hoegner, David Pellowe, Aubrey Peterson, Lenore Walters (communion servers); Doug Reid, Gloria van Geilsnyk (anointers); Penny Wilkins, Peter Wilkins (imposition of ashes); Mark Ball (sound); Alex Dean, saxophone; David Restivo, piano; Scott Alexander, bass; Brian Barlow, drums; Peter Merrick and the Choir. Deborah Hart is away today.*

The flowers this morning  
have been placed by  
The Flower Committee.

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES *(for those who wish)*

MOTET Deep River

*Spiritual, arr. Brian Trant*

*Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that Gospel feast, that promised land where all is peace.*

PRAYER

HYMN Sing of the Lord's Goodness

*Sands*



Sing of the Lord's good-ness, Mak-er of all wis-dom,  
Pow-er he has wield-ed, hon-our is his gar-ment,  
Cour-age in our dark-ness, com-fort in our sor-row,  
Praise God with your sing-ing, praise him with the trum-pet,



come to him and bless his name.  
ris-en from the snares of death.  
Spi-rit of our God most high;  
praise God with the lute and harp;



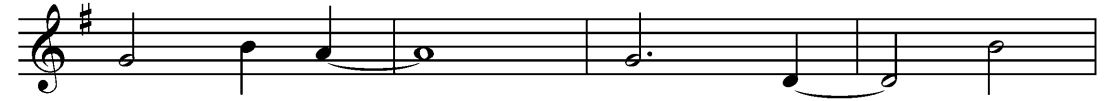
Mer-cy he has shown us, his love is for-ev-er,  
Jes-us, God's Word spok-en, one bread he has brok-en,  
So-lace for the wea-ry, par-don for the sin-ner,  
praise him with the cym-bals, praise him with your danc-ing,



faith-ful to the end of days. *Come then, all you na-tions,*  
new life he now gives to all.  
Splendour of the liv-ing God.  
praise God till the end of days:



*je vous prie. — Sau-vez moi la vie, — O Jé-su,*



*je vous prie. — Hear us, — O  
Hear us, — O  
Hear us, — show*



Lord, this day: —  
Lord, we pray: — *Ky-ri - e - lei - son.* —  
us the way: —

*Words: Trad. adapt. D.C. Cowling*

*Melody: Trad. Haitian*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the times when we are too rushed to care,  
when we are too weary to bother,  
when we act from self-centered motives,  
**God forgive us...** (silence)

For our inability to feel the sufferings of others,  
for our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,  
for our lack of patience and understanding,  
**God forgive us...** (silence)

For our reluctance to forgive,  
for the self-righteousness that denies guilt,  
for the self-interest that shrivels our generosity,  
**God forgive us...** (silence)

ASSURANCE

INTRODUCTION AND BURNING OF ASHES

THANKSGIVING OVER ASHES

**Life-giving God,**  
you have created us from the dust of the earth.  
**Grant that these ashes may be to us**  
a sign of our mortality and penitence,  
so we may remember that only by your gracious gift  
are we given everlasting life. Amen.

HYMN 105 Dust and ashes touch our face *Newell*

*(Children leave for Church School and will return for Communion.)*

THE STORY Luke 4: 1-44 *The Message*

HYMN 115 Jesus, tempted in the desert *Beach Spring*

REFLECTION Sandstorm in the Wilderness

KYRIE *Paestrina/Barlow*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

INVITATION

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY HYMN You are holy, you are whole *Du ar Helig*

You are ho - ly, you are whole, — you are  
al - ways so much more — than we ev - er un - der - stand; —

— you are al - ways at hand. — Bles - sed  
are you com - ing near, — bles - sed are you com - ing here —  
— to your church in wine and bread, — raised from  
15  
soil, raised from dead. —

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God is with us.

**We are not alone.**

Christ is present here.

**The Spirit is among us.**

Let us give thanks to God,

**in memory, and in hope.**

Blessed are you, gracious God.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Paestrina/Barlow*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

*Paestrina/Barlow*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.*