



St Paul's Hampton
*Growing spiritually and building community
through discipleship, worship & service*

March 12, 2017
2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00 am Holy Communion | Book of Common Prayer P67
10:30 am Holy Communion | Book of Alternative Services P185

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This Sunday's Readings:

GENESIS 12:1-4A (9am Only) - *After The LORD had frustrated the building of the Tower of Babel and had scattered people throughout the earth, he spoke a startling word to Abram in Haran. He told him to leave his country and allow himself to be directed to another. There he would become a great and blessed nation that would in turn be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.*

PSALM 121 - *The Psalmist draws our attention to the fact that it is only The LORD who is our genuine help. As creator and ever-present one, he protects and keeps us from all evil and danger.*

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17 - *St. Paul sees that grace is at work in the great promises that God made to Abraham, the father of the Jewish nation. These*

cannot depend on his or their keeping of the law because in this they (and we) have failed. Rather it depends on God and his word alone and, as Abraham discovered, it is simply by trusting in him that we are made right with him. It is a gift.

JOHN 3:1-17 - *In response to Nicodemus, Jesus makes the startling claim that we need to be born again from above in order to enter God's kingdom. This is a mysterious working of the Spirit and it happens to those who simply put their trust in the word and work of Jesus, the one who has come from heaven for the salvation of the whole world.*

Questions for Reflection

- When you hear Jesus say to Nicodemus "You must be born from above" what do you think Jesus means?
- Is being 'born again', or 'born from above,' or 'born of the Spirit' something that you have experienced or that someone you know might have experienced?
- How does the idea of being 'born of the Spirit' make you feel?

St Paul's Prayer Corner

Mission of the Month: Hampton High School Pancakes

International: Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

Diocese: Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

Government: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

Deanery: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis: Rev. Wally Collett/ Rev. Dan McMullen, Retired Clergy: Rev. Dr. Lee Whitney

Parish: Rev. David & Family, Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

Parishioners: Gale, Jackie, Don, Della, Loretta, Barb, Glenn, Pat, Donald, Dawn, Paul, Sue, Erika

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