

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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This land we are upon is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31st, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Gottes Zeit ist der allerbeste Zeit, BWV 106 (J.S. Bach)

KYRIE



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Silence is kept.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, Lover of the earth
and its people, unfettered Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts,
you are present among us.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in all we touch,
in all we meet,
you are present among us.

As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;
dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.

For the right roads we avoided travelling, and the kindly words we refused

to share; for the false gods who received our worship, and the true selves we have starved of love; God by your grace,
forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the lame excuses we should never have made; God by your grace,
forgive us.

For all we should be and all we can amend; God in your love,
renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us; God in your love,
prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people; God, in your love,
commit us.

Silence is kept.

Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. ✠ Go in peace. Come and follow me.

Glory to the Creator who gives us life,
Glory to Jesus whose love remakes us.

Glory to the Spirit, companion on our journey.
Glory be to God. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, lover of sinners, you celebrate our return as a woman rejoices with her friends. Where we are lost, search us out, and where we are locked away, claim us for your own; that together we may adorn the beauty of your face, through Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32



You sur-round me with shouts of de - liv - erance, O Lord.

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.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might

become the righteousness of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 609

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

THE GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine

is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Ecce panis angelorum (Alexandre Guilmant)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith.

**We believe in God, who conceived all that is created,
God, who fathers and mothers all people.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's firstborn and only Lord of the earth.

He came from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary;

he lived in solidarity with humankind,

befriending, teaching, healing and restoring;

he was denied and betrayed by his friends;

and was done to death by the state.

He descended to the place of oblivion,

rose to life again on the third day,

and ascended to heaven where he sits at God's right hand.

This same Jesus will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

whose dynamic presence can make all things new.

And we believe in 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

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 184

My Song is Love Unknown

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

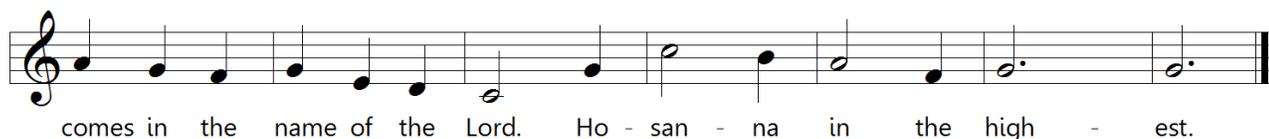
For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

We give you thanks and praise.

For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honours its Saviour. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

We give you thanks and praise.

In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven. So gladly, we join our voices to those of the earth, sea and sky, in the universal song of praise which echoes through time and eternity:



Long before this building was erected, in open spaces and hard places, people heard of how on the night of his arrest, and aware of what lay ahead of him, Jesus sat at supper with his friends.

During the meal, he took a piece of bread, blessed and broke it, and said to his disciples, 'This is my body, given for you.'

Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine, saying, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you. I will not drink wine again until I do so in the coming kingdom of God.'

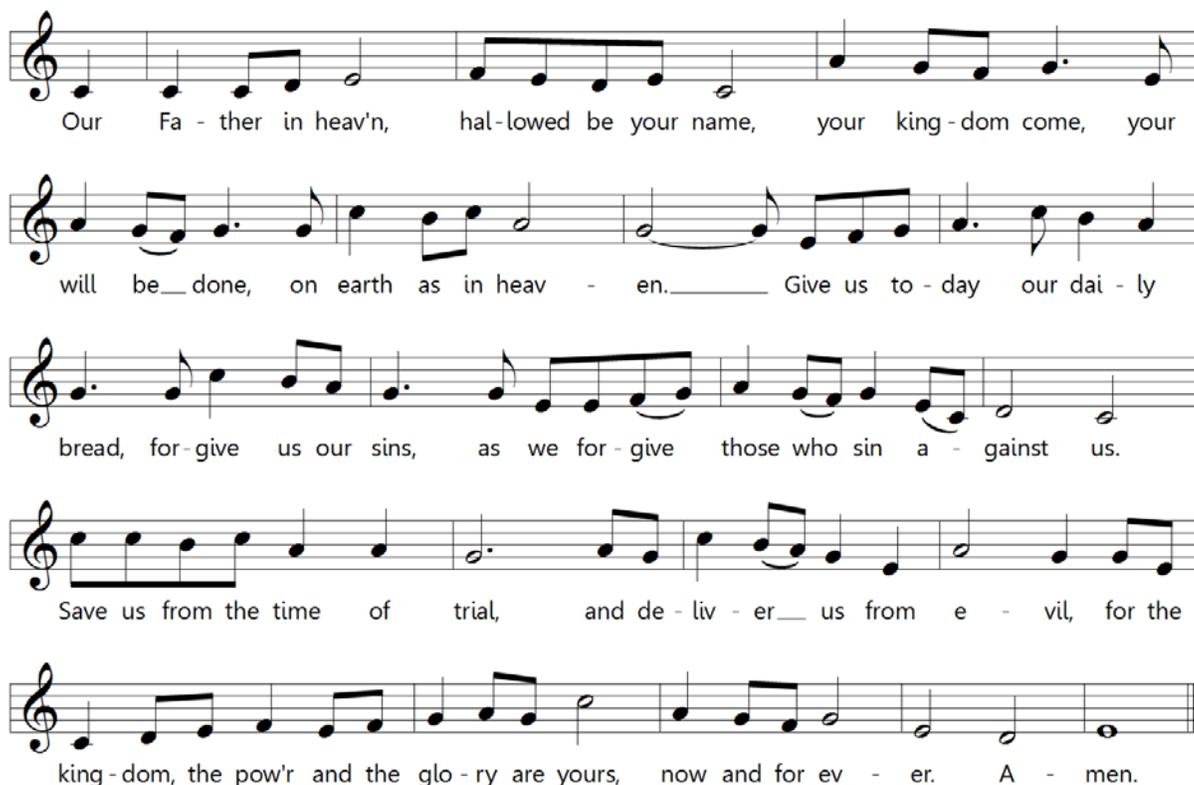
Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us ✠ and on this bread and wine. Let

them become for us the seal and sign of your love, healing, redeeming, making us whole.

And through them, let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills, and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your
will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly
bread, for - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

As those who have been invited to his table, feed on this holy food,
through which God comes to us, so that we can come to God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God (Jon Washburn)

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Generous and faithful God,

you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here.

Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The blessing of God, ✠ sure, strong and kindly, be around you and within you, now and all the days and nights of your journey home. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 577

O Jesus, I Have Promised
(Tune: Thornbury 444)

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allegro, from Concerto del Signr Meck
(Johann Gottfried Walther)

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Preacher
Deacon
Organist

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville
The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
Dr Gordon Johnston

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