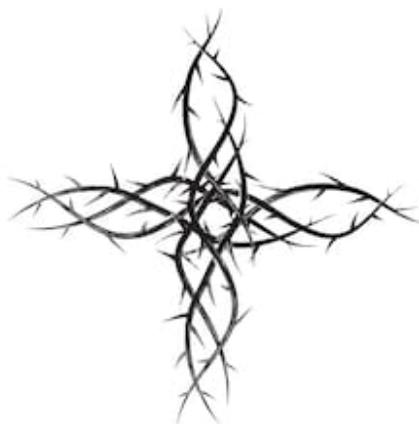


# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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



## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin (J.S. Bach)*

### LENTEN RESPONSORY



*Silence is kept.*

## THE PENITENTIAL RITE

The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion. We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege, and the circle of deprivation.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and a hardening of the heart.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.**

Through God's grace we are forgiven, ✠ by the mercy of our Creator, through the love of the Christ, and in the power of the Spirit. Let us rejoice and be glad.

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, so that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

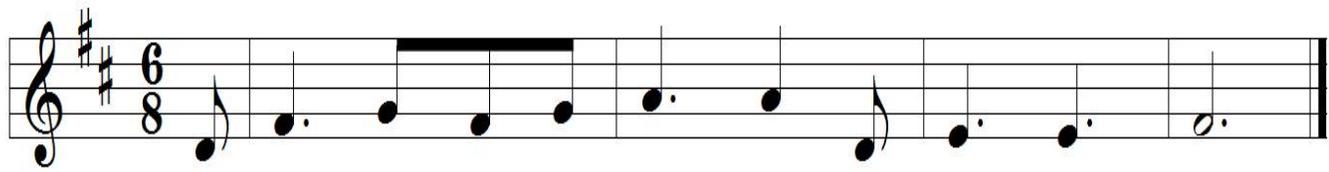
*Genesis 12:1-4a*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 121**



My help comes from the mak - er of heav'n and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of

faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 174**

*Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*John 3:1-17*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly

things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*He Watching Over Israel (Felix Mendelssohn)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 436**

*I Bind Unto Myself Today*

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

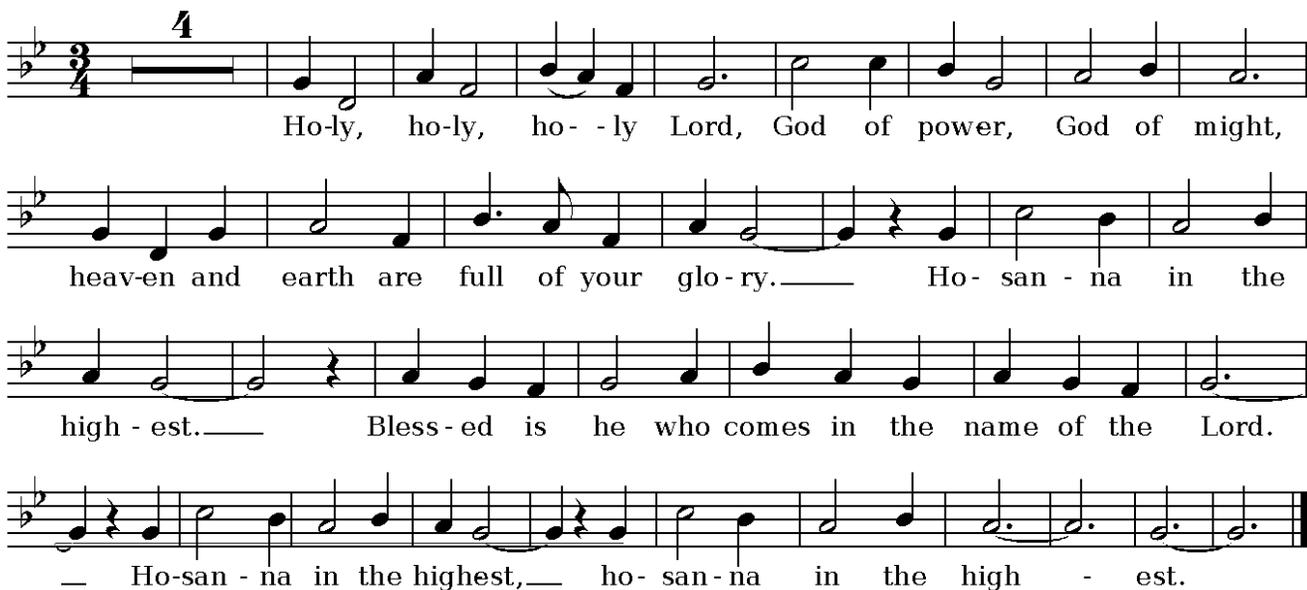
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and with one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you:



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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. — Ho-san-na in the  
high-est. — Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
— Ho-san-na in the highest, — ho-san-na in the high-est.

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your peoples' good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

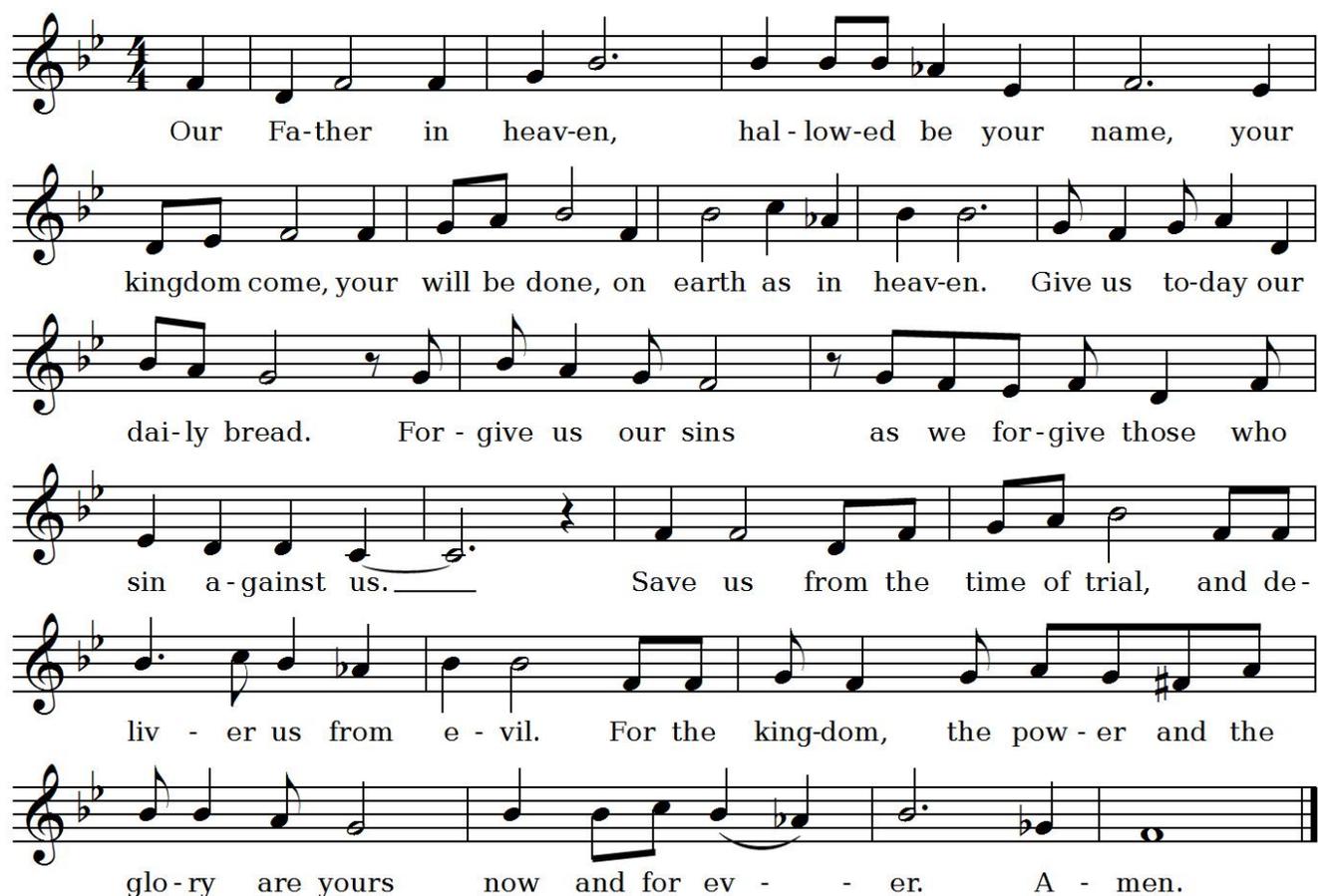
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us ✠ in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
kingdom 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 - er and the  
glo-ry are yours now and for ev - - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

We break this bread,  
**communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*God So Loved the World (Bob Chilcott)*

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Glory to God,

**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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the blessing of God, ✠ Creator, Son, and Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN 602**

*Lift High the Cross*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Prelude and Fugue in g minor, BWV 558 (J.S. Bach)*

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<i>Altar Guild</i>	Barbara Dransch, Jill Courtemanche
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