

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.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT/SAINT PATRICK

March 17th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

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

KYRIE

Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e e-lei-son. Ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e, ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) consists of a series of notes: C4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a series of chords: C4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4.

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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, we thank you for Patrick, whom you took into your service, to bring within the freedom of your household those who once enslaved him. Encourage us through his example, that we may know your power made perfect in our weakness, and delight in serving others for the sake of him who became servant of all, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27: 1-9



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came up on me to eat up my flesh,

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation

with sounds of great gladness;

I will sing and make music to the Lord

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:14-16, 19

Here I am, ready to come to you this third time. And I will not be a burden, because I do not want what is yours but you; for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children. I will most gladly spend and be spent for you. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? Let it be assumed that I did not burden you. Nevertheless (you say) since I was crafty, I took you in by deceit.

Have you been thinking all along that we have been defending ourselves before you? We are speaking in Christ before God. Everything we do, beloved, is for the sake of building you up

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 352

Amazing Grace

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:43-48

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed (Douglas Wagner)

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 436

I Bind Unto Myself Today

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, who surrounded your servant Patrick with the life and power of Christ, grant that our offering this day may be cleansed by your mercy and crowned with your love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, 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 high-est, ____ ho- san - na in the high - est.

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-en, hal-low-ed 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-against 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.

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

Drop, Drop Slow Tears (Howard Goodall)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, who gave your servant Patrick to proclaim your glory to the people of Ireland, grant us by these holy mysteries so to glory in the name of Christian, that we may continually proclaim to all people the wonders of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our 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 602

Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Choralstudie uber "Dir, dir Jehova"
(Sigfrid Karg-Elert)*

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