

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 7th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Adagio in a minor BWV 564 (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.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness and water the desert. Help us to recognize your hand working miracles beyond our imagining. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all, and its presence in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee, as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 177

A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs (Carl Heinrich Graun)

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 386

When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving 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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav'n__ and earth__ are
 full__ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest 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-owed be your name, your king-dom come, your
 will be done on earth as in heav-en.____ Give us this 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.

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

O Saviour of the World (John Goss)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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 447

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fantasia in g minor, BWV 542 (J.S. Bach)

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