

# 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.



## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness (Johannes Brahms)*

### 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.

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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.

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Holy God, whose presence is known in the structures we build, and also in their collapse; establish in us a community of hope, not to contain your mystery, but to be led beyond security into your sacred space, through Jesus Christ **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 55:1-9*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your

thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 63:1-8**



O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren  
and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they

were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 431**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:1-9*

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.**

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam – fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*A Better Resurrection (Craig Courtney)*

## **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 60**

*I Come With Joy*

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus 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-lowed 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

*Litany (Howard Goodall)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of 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

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

### DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*My Heart is Filled with Longing (Johannes Brahms)*

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*Preacher*  
*Organist*

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