

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. –Eucharist

Welcome

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The Gathering of the Community

Organ Prelude

Opening Hymn #372 "Praise to the Holiest in the Height" Text by John Henry Newman

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| 1 | Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways. | 4 | and that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self,
and essence all-divine; |
| 2 | O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came. | 5 | who in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his followers, and inspire
to suffer and to die. |
| 3 | O generous love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail; | | Repeat stanza 1 |

Greeting

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison [Arranged by Michael Leach]

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Cantor Christe eleison.

People **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

Cantor Kyrie eleison.

People **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

Confession and Absolution

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Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1–9

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

¹ 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.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

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and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ 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.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ 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.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 63:1-8

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| <p>1 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.</p> | <p>2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in
your holy place,
that I might behold your power and
your glory.</p> |
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- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 **So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow
and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with
joyful lips,
- 6 **When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night
watches.**
- 7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings
I will rejoice.
- 8 **My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Eternal Love, our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Let your glory shine on us, that our lives may proclaim your goodness, our work give you honour, and our voices praise you forever; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 10:1–13

Reader A reading from First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

¹³No 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Gradual Hymn #360: "Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.

Repeat as needed.

Holy Gospel:

Luke 13:1–9

Subdeacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ 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? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Subdeacon The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

A time for silent reflection is kept.

The Apostles' Creed

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Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the**

third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

Leader We pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn #498 "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"

Psalm 84; paraphrase from Scottish Psalter & by Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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| <p>1 How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O loving God, for thee.</p> | <p>3 They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.</p> |
| <p>2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim's quest.</p> | <p>4 One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.</p> |

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Proper Preface Lent 1

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth, because you bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast; that reborn through the waters of baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

People **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
 We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
 In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread #7

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Celebrant We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

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

Spiritual Communion Prayer

People **I worship and adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, present in the holy sacrament and in your people, who are gathered in spirit. In this moment, I join with them to receive you in my heart, and in our community. May you, enthroned on the altar, be now enthroned in my heart; may you, present in bread and wine, feed and renew my soul; may you, who give yourself to us again, fill us with grace, and heavenly blessing. Even as I am fed, may my hunger for your reign of justice and peace increase, that I may, with your Spirit, work for that day when your reign shall come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Lamb of God [Hymn #690]

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People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The Communion

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to share in Communion.

Communion Hymn #551 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Text by Ray Palmer

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| <p>1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day
be wholly thine.</p> | <p>2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.</p> |
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Prayer after Communion

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Celebrant Let us pray

People **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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.

People **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his
cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your
children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Subdeacon Go in peace as we walk our Lenten journey; reflect; pray; continue to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn #319 "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"

Text by Isaac Watts

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| <p>1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.</p> <p>2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,
"to be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb!" our lips reply,
"for he was slain for us."</p> | <p>3 Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give,
be, Lord, forever thine!</p> <p>4 Let all creation join in one
to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb!</p> |
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We Remember in Prayer Today and This Week . . .

Congregation Cycle

- Gerry L & Carolyn P
- Carrie L
- Hope L
- Margie & Clavel L & Carter
- Colette L

Today's Scripture Readings

Third Sunday in Lent

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Jos 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Cor 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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Celebrant	The Rev. Leonard Leader	Organist	Michael Leach
Preacher	The Rev. Carol Friesen	Intercessor	Doug Heyes
Subdeacon	Doug Heyes	Videographer	Egan Done
Reader	Rudy Powell	Altar Guild	Maggie Sumner

Territorial Acknowledgement

The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase. Today, Toronto is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island.

We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and work in this community, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

COVID instructions to keep you safe

IN CHURCH EVERYONE MUST:

1. **Be MASKED** all the time
NOTE: ONE participant at a time may remove their mask temporarily if they are a reader, intercessor, Subdeacon, doing announcements, preacher or priest but only when they are speaking. They must remain 4m away from others.
2. Have **NO CONVERSATIONS** or **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**
3. **FOLLOW THE ARROWS** ON THE FLOOR
4. **FOLLOW THE PRIEST'S INSTRUCTIONS** for the Service

When the ORGANIST has finished the POSTLUDE, and the CAMERA is turned off, please leave the church.

Thank you for joining us
Stay Safe