

CHORAL EUCHARIST FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 9, 2025 10:30AM



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish with One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land.



The Gathering of the Community

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Forty Days and Forty Nights

CP#175

We begin our worship together in community by praising God in song.

1 Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild, forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:

3 Shall not we your trials share, learn your discipline of will, and with you by fast and prayer wrestle with the powers of hell?

2 burning heat throughout the day, bitter cold when light had fled, prowling beasts around your way, stones your pillow, earth your bed. 4 So if Satan, pressing hard, soul and body would destroy, Christ who conquered, be our guard;

Give to us the victor's joy.

5 Saviour, may we hear your voice – keep us constant at your side; and with you we shall rejoice at the eternal Eastertide.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

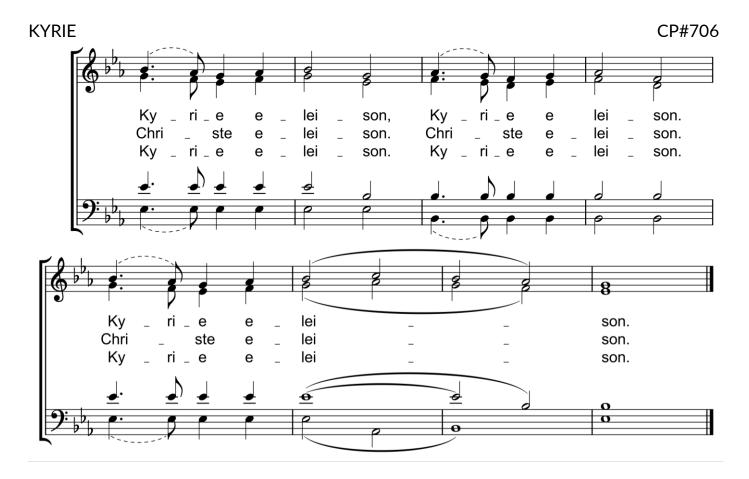
And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Anglican worship to this day.

Almighty God,

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.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each day that "collects" or brings out the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes God's attributes as shown in the scriptures for the day.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, your Son confronted the powers of darkness that obscure your compassion and love for all of creation: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, so that we may witness to that saving love proclaimed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people, "When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 91.1-2,9-16

The psalms are prayers Jesus used which explore humanity's relationship with God and one another.



Cantor THOSE WHO dwell in the shelter of the **Most** High, *

abide under the shadow of the Al-mighty.

All They shall say to the Lord, "You are our refuge and our stronghold, *

our God in whom we put our trust."

Choir Because you have made the **Lord your** refuge, *

and the Most High your habi-tation,

All there shall no evil **happen to** you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

Cantor For the angels of God shall have charge **over** you, *

to keep you in all your ways.

All They shall bear you in their hands, *

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Choir You shall tread upon the **lion and** adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your **feet**.

All "Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will **I de**-liver them; *

I will protect them, because they know my **name**.

Cantor They shall call upon me and I will answer them; I am with **them in** trouble; *

I will rescue them and bring them to **honour**.

All With long life will I satisfy them, *

and show them my sal-vation."

THE SECOND READING

Romans 10.8b-13

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation of John.

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Repeat after the Choir and after the verse.



We shall not live by bread alone, *but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4.1-13

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.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written. 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON Dr. Matthew Green

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life. The Sermon is followed by a period of silence for reflection.

THE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three "persons" of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The presider invites the people to confession.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God,

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 neighbour 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.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond.

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.**

THE PEACE

The community stands for the Peace.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church. Donations to the mission of the Cathedral can be made via PayPal, using the QR code here.



OFFERTORY HYMN

Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

SNC#46

1 Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the tempter tells him; "turn these barren rocks to bread!" "Not alone by bread," he answers, "can the human heart be filled. Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!"

2 Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall: "Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!" Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request: "God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test."

3 Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of vast domain: "Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!" Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way: "God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!" 4 When we face temptation's power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the tempter's hour, come and be our living bread. By your grace protect, preserve us, lest we fail, your trust betray. Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day, and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

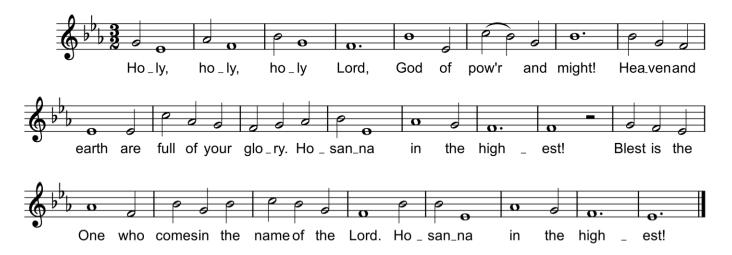
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,



We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you.

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."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

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

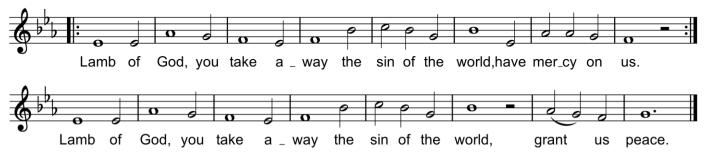
If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD



Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer, but spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worth Judge eternal; suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

The Sending Forth of the Community

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this holy bread you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the path of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. **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.

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN At the Name of Jesus CP#375

1 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis his Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

2 Humbled for a season to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it, spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

3 Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored.

4 In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Saviour in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.

5 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D minor

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Invitation to a Holy Lent

Rev. Andrew Rampton Wed, Mar 12 @ the Cathedral 7-9pm

The Lord's Prayer Very Rev. Tim Dobbin and Rev. Monica Green Wed, Mar 19 @ All Saint's Church

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Dr. Peter Widdicombe Wed, Mar 26 @ Church of the Nativity

Church

OF THE NATIVITY

PrayerRev. Canon Mike Deed Wed, Apr 2 @ St. John the Evangelist

Easter Vigil

Sat, Apr 19 @ the Cathedral 9-11pm

Lenten Program for the Anglican Churches

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

THE ROCK ON LOCKE

Baptism

Rev. Canon Matthew Griffin Sat, Apr 12 @ Church of the Ascension 10am - Noon



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION