



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

MARCH 14, 2021

CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON

The Gathering of the Community

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song. To encourage this gathering, we center ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries with the singing of a short musical meditation.

CENTERING MUSIC

HYMN – There is a Balm in Gilead

Text: Jer. 8:22 Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American Spiritual. BALM IN GILEAD



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed
whole. There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick
soul. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and... think my work's in
If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like
vain, but... then the Ho-ly Spi-rit re-vives my soul a-gain.....
Paul, you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all.".....

GREETING

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

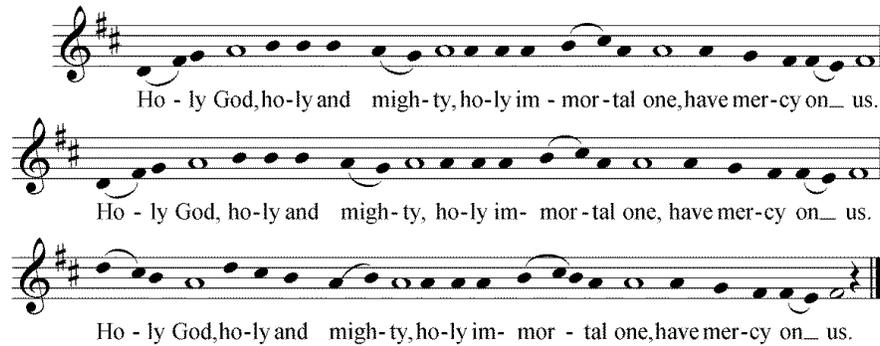
This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

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 TRISAGION



Ho - ly God, ho-ly and migh-ty, ho-ly im - mor - tal one, have mer-cy on_ us.

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THE COLLECT

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray

Steadfast God,

you reach out to us in mercy.

When we rebel against your holy call and walk in disobedience,

soften our hearts with the warmth of your love,

so that we may know your Son alive within us,

redeeming us,

and raising us up into your eternal presence.

Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

THE READING

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 to John.

Ephesians 2: 1-10

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

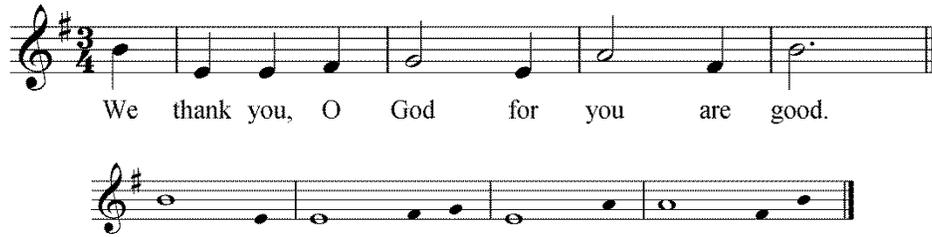
The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Please join with the Cantor in the singing of the Refrain



We give you thanks O God, for you are **good**, (1)
and your mercy endures **for**-ever. (2)
Let all those whom you redeemed pro-**claim** (1)
that you rescued them from the hand of **the** foe. (2)
You gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the **west** (3)
from the north and from **the** south. (4)

REFRAIN

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their **sins** (1)
they abhorred all manner of food and drew near to **death`**s door. (2)
Then they cried to you in their **trouble** (3)
and you delivered them from their **dis**-tress. (4)

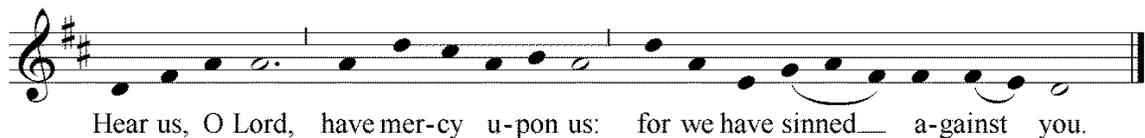
REFRAIN

You sent forth your word and healed them and saved them from the **grave**. (1)
Let them give thanks to you for **your** mercy (2)
and the wonders you do for **your** children. (2)
Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks-**giv**-ing (3)
and tell of your acts with shouts **of** joy. (4)

REFRAIN

THE LENT PROSE

The Lent prose, unique to this liturgical season, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”



*Sins oft committed, now we lay before you: with true contrition now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

John 3: 14-21

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic
Associate Priest, Christ's Church Cathedral

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 APOSTLES' CREED

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

**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

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. Please respond as directed by the Intersessor.

To make us his new creation, Christ the Lord
gave us the waters of rebirth and spread the
table of his body and his word. Let us call
upon him and say:

Lord, renew us in your grace

Lord, renew us in your grace.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church
throughout the world,

Lord, renew us in your grace.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful
witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of
the earth,

Lord, renew us in your grace.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, clothe us with
compassion, kindness and humility – make us
want to be patient with everyone

Lord, renew us in your grace.

Teach us to be true neighbours to all in trouble
and distress – and so imitate you, the Good
Samaritan.

Lord, renew us in your grace.

For those preparing for baptism and
confirmation...

and for their teachers and sponsors,

Lord, renew us in your grace.

For a spirit of respect and reconciliation
amongst the nations,

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all
who suffer ...

for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger peace in
the world ...

Lord, renew us in your grace.

God our Father,

in your love and goodness

you have taught us to come close to you in

penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity;

accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall

by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing
mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN 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 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 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.

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

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

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. 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.

All are invited to make a gift to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by considering an online donation at www.cathedralhamilton.ca

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY

Duet: Exaudi Domine vocem meam

Josquin des Prez

Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam, qua clamavi ad te; miserere mei, Adjutor meus esto; ne derelinquas me, neque despicias me, Deus salutaris meus. Legem pone mihi, Domine, in via tua, et dirige me in semitam rectam, propter inimicos meos. Expecta Dominum, viriliter age: et confortetur cor tuum, et sustine Dominum.

Hear my voice, O Lord, with which I have cried to you; have mercy on me, my Judge and guide; forsake me not; do not thou despise me, O God of my salvation. Teach me, Lord, in your way, and lead me in the right way, because of my enemies. Wait for the Lord, act, and take heart and wait for the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 up to God

Let us give thanks to the Living God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And now we give you thanks
because each year you give us this joyful season
when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery
with mind and heart renewed.

You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you
and of willing service to our neighbour.

As we recall the saving acts that give new life in Christ,
you bring the image of your Son to perfection within our hearts.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name...

Lutheran service IX

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the high-est, _____ ho - san - na
_____ in the high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho -
san - na _____ in the high-est, _____ ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

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 for ever.
Amen.

FRACTION SENTENCES

Taste and see, Taste and see the good - ness of the
Lord. O Taste and see, taste and see the
good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

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.**

INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Dear friends, I invite you, wherever you may be,
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.
Many are made one

We receive you Lord Jesus Christ,
we welcome your presence in us,
and together proclaim our love for you;
with our hearts, minds, our souls and our strength,
with the saints we worship you,
with the angels we adore you,
with your whole Church we proclaim your reign.
Come to us, though many,
and make us one in you. Amen.

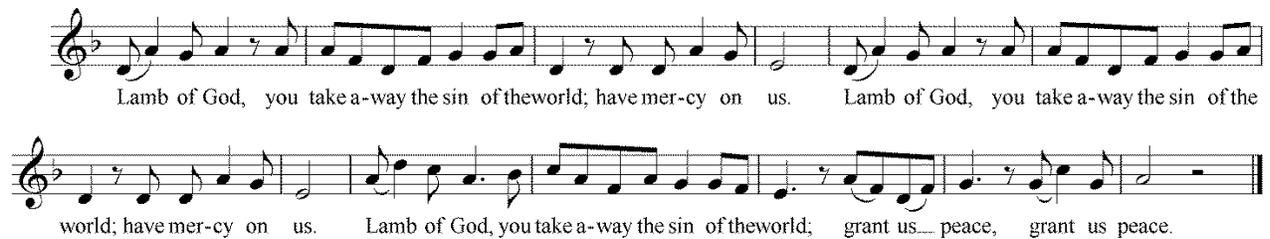
I invite you in the silence of your own hearts to make your own act of Communion with Christ.

Silence is kept during which time the congregation prays the prayer of reception on the screen.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Lamb of God

Lutheran service IX



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us... peace, grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever.

Amen.

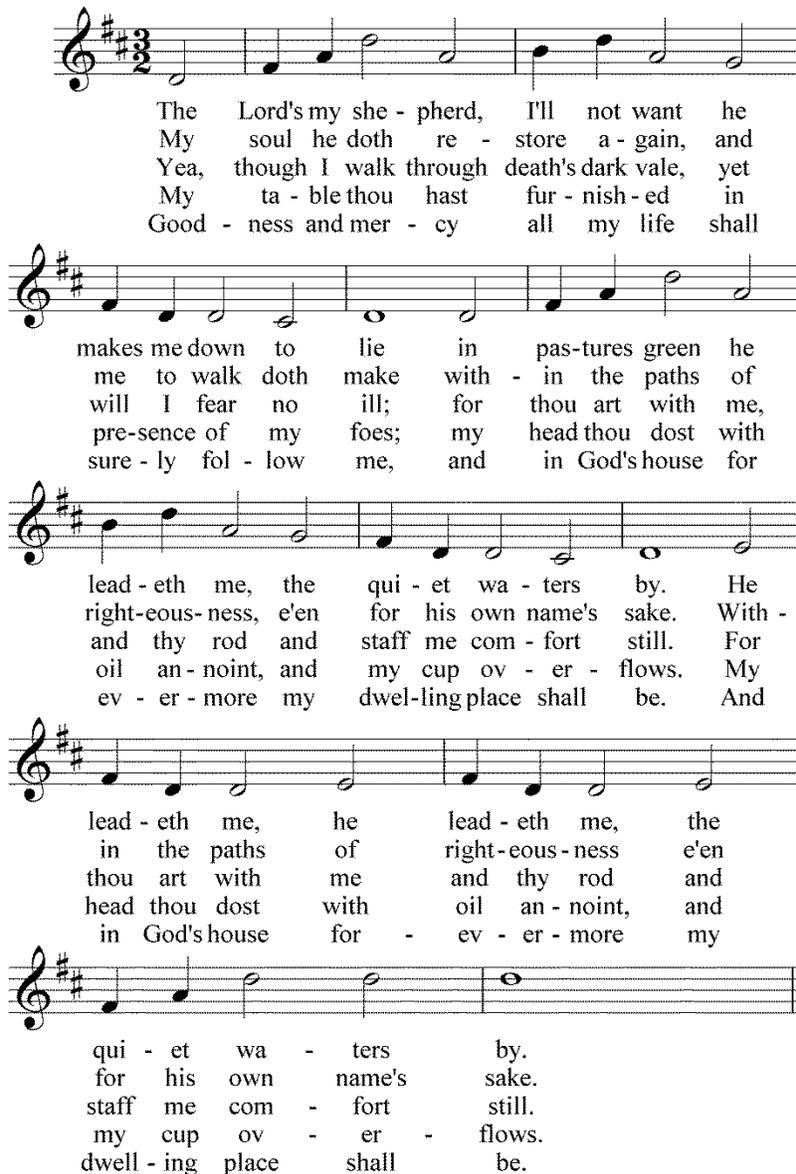
THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God

CLOSING SONG – The Lord's My Shepherd

TEXT: Psalm 23

MUSIC: James L.M. Bain (1840-1925) arr. Gordon Jacob. BROTHER JAMES' AIR



The Lord's my she-pherd, I'll not want he
My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet
My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in
Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall
makes me down to lie in pas-tures green he
me to walk doth make with-in the paths of
will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
pre-sence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure-ly fol-low me, and in God's house for
lead-eth me, the qui-et wa-ters by. He
right-eous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake. With-
and thy rod and staff me com-fort still. For
oil an-oint, and my cup ov-er-flows. My
ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be. And
lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, the
in the paths of right-eous-ness e'en
thou art with me and thy rod and
head thou dost with oil an-oint, and
in God's house for - ev-er-more my
qui-et wa-ters by.
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THE SERVICE ENDS IN SILENCE.

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