



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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## PARTNERING WITH ST. LUKE'S OTTAWA

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

10.30 am Sung Holy Eucharist (Live-streamed)

Service music: Deutsche Messe – Franz Schubert

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#### Prelude

*Andantino (opus 51/1) – Louis Vierne*

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

#### Lent Prose

*Tone V Plainsong (arr. Larkin)*

*Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee. Innocent captive, taken unresisting; falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced. Save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.*

#### 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.**

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**His mercy endures for ever.**

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.**

#### Sentence of the Day

*John 3:16*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

#### Kyrie

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

## Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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 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

Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Numbers 21:4-9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe. He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted

because of their sins. They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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## **Gradual**

*God so loved the world – John Stainer*

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

## **Holy Gospel**

*John 3:14-21*

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.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather

than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

### **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.**

## **Litany**

Let us pray.

With confidence and trust, let us pray to the Lord singing: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church throughout the world; for the churches of the Anglican Communion, and for this Diocese of Ottawa: that in faithful witness the Gospel of God's love may be preached with word and actions, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all of us in our Lenten journey: that we may further the kingdom of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of Canada and the leaders of every nation, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among all peoples; for the peace of Jerusalem and peace across the world; we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are touched by conflict and war, for all combatants, all casualties, all refugees, all victims: that your presence and your peace will surround all women, children and men, whose humanity has been damaged or distorted by violence, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who suffer alone; those who ache with pain or hunger; those who tremble in fear or anxiety; those who are vulnerable or exploited: that they may be relieved and protected by people of kindness and justice, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all whom we have injured or offended by words, by actions, by ignorance or by neglect: that we may have grace to amend our lives and to show forth your love, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who have died in the peace of Christ; for those known to us, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know the secrets of our human hearts and the scope of our mortal minds; you know our needs before we ask: grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Offertory Hymn**

*My faith looks up to thee – Olivet*

*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.*

*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.*

We invite you to make an offering to the Cathedral at this time by sending an e-transfer to [info@ottawacathedral.ca](mailto:info@ottawacathedral.ca) or by going to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5519>. Thank you!

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### 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

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name. *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Communion**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Motet**

*I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord – Felix Mendelssohn*

*I will sing of Thy great mercies, O Lord, my Saviour, and of Thy faithfulness for evermore.*

## **THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **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.**

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.**

## Blessing and Dismissal

May the God of mercy transform you by grace, and the blessing of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high – Puer nobis nascitur*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
It fills the heart with ecstasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed, for us he taught,  
for us his daily works he wrought,  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself but us.

To God whose boundless love has won  
salvation for us through the Son,  
to God the Father, glory be  
both now and through eternity.

## Postlude

*Les cloches de Hinckley (opus 55/6) – Louis Vierne*

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## READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-13; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

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