



# CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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*A diverse and vibrant parish that glorifies God and welcomes all people*

## **SIMON GIBBONS**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

9 pm Compline (Live-streamed)

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The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us;

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord;

**The Lord's name be praised.**

### **Psalm 23**

*Antiphon:* He will lead his flock like a shepherd, He will gather the lambs in his arms, and gently lead those that are with young.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Lesson**

*Luke 10:1-9*

After this the Lord appointed seventy<sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer

deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Here endeth the lesson.

**Thanks be to God.**

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

**I commend my spirit.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

**Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

**Office Hymn**

*Te lucis ante terminum*

*Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That with thy wonted favour thou  
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,  
From nightly fears and fantasies;  
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,  
That no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Keep us as the apple of thine eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.**

**Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon**

*Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.*

## 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.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our ancestors;

**To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

**To be praised and glorified above all for ever.**

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

We confess to God Almighty,

**the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

**That thy people may rejoice in thee?**

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**And grant us thy salvation.**

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

**O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

O Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come unto thee.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

Lord God, who gave to Simon Gibbons both righteousness in the ministry of a priest and faithfulness in the work of a pastor among a people not his own, kindle the whole body of your Church with a fervent love of your Word, that we may serve you in one another and learn your salvation in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymn

*Christe, qui lux es et dies*

*O Christ, who art the light and day,  
Thou drivest night and gloom away;  
O Light of Light, whose word doth show  
The light of heav'n to us below.*

*All-holy Lord, in humble prayer  
We ask tonight thy watchful care.  
O grant us calm repose in thee,  
A quiet night, from perils free.*

*Asleep though wearied eyes may be,  
Still keep the heart awake to thee;  
Let thy right hand outstretched above  
Guard those who serve the Lord they love.*

*All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore. Amen.*

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;  
**For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.**

The Lord be with you;  
**And with thy spirit.**

Let us bless the Lord;  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

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First Priest from the Inuit, 1896

On this day we commemorate Simon Gibbons, who was the first of the Inuit nation to be ordained as an Anglican priest and whose ministry in the diocese of Nova Scotia gave the rest of our Church a wonderful example of vitality. He was born in Labrador, the son of a white settler and an Innu mother. Both of his parents died before he was six years old, and he was placed in an Anglican orphanage in Newfoundland. The Church nurtured his intelligence, and he was encouraged to train for ordination. He eventually went to King's College in Nova Scotia, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1878. Gibbons began his ministry as a travelling missionary in Cape Breton and laboured in conditions which taxed his physical endurance to the limit. He regularly walked a hundred-mile circuit to conduct services in isolated communities. He made his rounds even in the depths of winter, just to bring the comfort of Christ to the sick and dying; and in so doing he risked his life in blizzards or while crossing inlets whose frozen surfaces often gave way beneath his feet. Yet in all his exertions, despite fatigue, pain, and danger, Gibbons never failed in joy or in his ability to communicate the gladness of his service to the people he visited. After seven years in this work he was appointed rector of Lockport; in 1888 he moved to the mainland parish of Parrsboro. In both parishes he supervised building campaigns and joined in the manual labour of raising the church frames, nailing the clapboards, putting in the windows, and moving the furniture into place. But it soon became clear that the strain of his earlier ministry had destroyed his physical resilience, and though his spiritual joy was unabated, his health steadily declined. He died at the age of forty-six in 1896.

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