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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29th, 2023

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

Missa L'hora Passa – Larkin

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
The Very Rev William E. Harrison and Barbara Harrison, Jane Harrison Albright and Mr. Walter Ruban.

Prelude

Cloister-Garth – Herbert Brewer

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 381

Praise my Soul

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

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.

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.**

Collect of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

A reading from the book of Micah.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139:1-5, 13-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them. How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Listen Sweet Dove – Grayston Ives

Listen sweet dove unto my song, and spread thy golden wings in me; hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow the earth did like a heav'n appeare, the starres were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone, hung down his head and wisht for night, when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light. Lord though we change thou art the same, the same sweet God of love and light: restore this day for thy great name, unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Joined together in communion with the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one mind to God our Creator.

We pray that all the churches of the world will fulfill Jesus' command to bring the gospel of love to every heart and to every place. We remember especially: the Anglican Communion, and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; the Anglican Church of Canada, and Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. We pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ottawa as we support one another and minister in our communities.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the righteousness of God may guide the hearts and minds of the world's leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; that there may be peace in Jerusalem and across the face of the earth, in every nation and among all peoples.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the compassion of God will call all people who live in our city to care for each other, especially those who are impoverished, isolated, exploited, marginalized, or victimized.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the healing of God will visit all who suffer in body, mind or spirit; especially those suffering in any way from respiratory viruses, and all those we hold in our hearts and minds at this time.

Silence.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the comfort of God will be with those who suffer loss and those who mourn; and that the hope of Christ will be with us as we remember those whom we have loved but see no longer.

Silence.

Let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the working of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope, and your calming peace. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our light, our guide, and our strength. **Amen.**

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.

Silence.

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.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn #347

The God of Abraham Praise



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this 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.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory: *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.*

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please do not dip the bread in the wine.

Motet

O taste and see – Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is blest are those that trust in him.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of 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.

Commissioning of Senior Boy Choristers

Dean

To achieve our goal of promoting excellence in sacred music, some Cathedral choristers are called to positions of leadership, working with their director to ensure high standards of musical discipline.

Associate Director of Music

Dean Bretzlaff, I present to you from the Boys' Choir, Justin Sidaros to be commissioned as Head Chorister, and Noel Chabukiani, to be commissioned as Dean's chorister.

Dean

Justin and Noel, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to the responsibility entrusted to you as leaders in the Cathedral Boys' Choir?

Chorister

I do, and I will faithfully uphold this ministry to which I have been called.

Dean

May God, who has given you gifts of music and leadership, bless you and give you the grace and determination to carry out the ministry to which you have been called, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

May the power of the Creator hold you; may the light of Christ lead you; may the joy of the Spirit heal you; and may the love of the Trinity bless you, this day and all your days. **Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 645

Come down, O love divine

Postlude

A trumpet minuet – Alfred Hollins

Celebrant
Preacher
Organist
Director
Choristers
Readers
Intercessor
Duty Warden

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READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

February 5th – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

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