



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday | February 25th | 2024

10.30 am | Choral Eucharist | BAS

Missal in simplicitate | Jean Langlais

Welcome

Children are welcome to fully participate in the service and activity sheets are available in the bookshelves at the entrance to the Cathedral. Sidespeople can provide headsets for those who need hearing assistance and can ensure that communion is brought to you in the pew if required. Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude | *Prélude (Pièces en style libre)* | Louis Vierne

Announcements

Introit | *Lent Prose* | *Tone V*

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee. O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: way of salvation, gate of life celestial: cleanse though our sinful souls from all defilement. God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

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.

A Penitential Order

Sentence | *Galatians 6:14*

I do not glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures for ever.

Invitation to Confession

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. | Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

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

God of Sarah and Abraham, long ago you embraced your people in covenant and promised them your blessing. strengthen us in faith, so that, with your followers in every age, we may proclaim our deliverance in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading | *Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16*

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring

after you. As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 22:22-30

Praise the Lord, you that fear God; stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory. For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither turns away from them; when they cry to the Lord, they are heard. My praise is of God in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship the Lord. The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: "May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before God. For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations. To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before God. My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever. They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that God has done.

Second Reading | Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he

gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Thanks be to God.

Gradual | *Ex ore innocentium* | John Ireland

It is a thing most wonderful, Almost too wonderful to be, That God's own Son should come from heaven, And die to save a child like me. And yet I know that it is true: He chose a poor and humble lot, And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, For love of those who loved him not. I sometimes think about the Cross, And shut my eyes, and try to see The cruel nails and crown of thorns, And Jesus crucified for me. But even could I see him die, I should but see a little part Of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart. And yet I want to love thee, Lord; O light the flame within my heart, And I will love thee more and more, Until I see thee as thou art.

Holy Gospel | *Mark 8:31-38*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the

Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn 450 | *You call us, Lord, to be*

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

Let us pray.

God of grace, you are our judge and our hope. Transform us with your love, harness our energy for your purposes in the world, and hear us as we offer our prayers.

We pray for the earth as your creation, staggering under the demands of human activity and expectation. Where we are tempted to use resources carelessly, where human lifestyles endanger homes and habitats of other peoples or other species, where immediate gain tempts people to give no thought for the future, send your wisdom to guide citizens and decision makers to act responsibly.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Bishop Shane and our diocesan parishes and community ministries. Where we are tempted to guard traditions and resist new possibilities, where we magnify differences instead of celebrating our unity in Christ, where energy for leadership and community life has grown weaker, send your healing and transforming grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for relationships suffering under stress. Where families are tempted to nurse grudges and harbour complaints, where friendships have been wounded by misunderstanding or neglect, where workplace tensions have arisen over clashing opinions or exhausting demands, send your reconciling and restoring mercy.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the world filled with increasing threats and conflicts and war. Where countries are torn by unrest and persecution, where communities are diminished by prejudice and discrimination, where those with power and authority degrade or dismiss their critics, empower those who work for just solutions and advocate for the powerless.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are troubled, for those who face illness or loss of any kind, for those challenged by economic hardship, and for those faced with the reality of death, their own or of someone dear. As we offer in silence the names of those on our hearts this day, embrace each one with your compassion and courage.

Silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Even as we remember the many challenges around us, we give you thanks for the blessings we know, for moments of pleasure, for laughter shared, for conversations that brighten our day. Thank you for your steadfast love and the comfort we draw from your presence with us in all things. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 61 | *As we gather at your table*



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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **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.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you: *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.*

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

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

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters, brothers, and siblings. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and 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 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 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 salutaris* | *Léo Delibes*

O salutaris hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium. Bella premunt hostilia. Da robur, fer auxilium. | O saving Victim open wide the gate of heaven to all below. Our foes press on from every side; Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

The Sending of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our 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 Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 431 | *Take up your cross, the Saviour said*

Postlude | *Prelude in e (BWV 548)* | J.S. Bach

Celebrant | The Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff

Preacher | The Reverend Jarrett Carty

Readers | Ted Livingstone | Rebecca Officer

Intercessor | John Serrati

Organist | Owen Spicer

Director | James Calkin

Sung by | Cathedral Girls Choir

Duty Warden | Rob Mann

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Readings Next Sunday | March 3rd

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Lent and Holy Week Services

Wednesdays

12.05 pm | Eucharist

Thursdays in Lent

12.05 pm | Contemplative Prayer with Organ Meditation

Sundays in Lent

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist
10.30 am | Choral Eucharist
8 pm | Compline

Palm/Passion Sunday | March 24th

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Palms
10.30 am | Choral Eucharist with Palm Procession

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday in Holy Week | March 25th to 27th

12.05 | pm Sung Eucharist

Maundy Thursday | March 28th

7 pm | Choral Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday | March 29th

Noon | Solemnity of the Lord's Passion
1 to 3 pm | Cathedral Open for Quiet Meditation
3 pm | Stabat Mater Sacred Concert

Holy Saturday | March 30th

8 pm | A Vigil for Easter

Easter Sunday | March 31st

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist
10.30 am | Festal Eucharist

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