



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Tuesday in Holy Week

March 31st | 2026

12.05 pm | Sung Eucharist | Iona

St. Anne's Mass | James MacMillan

Welcome

This weekday service offers an opportunity to pause and be still in God's presence.

Please turn off or set mobile devices to silent mode.

Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Gathering

Please gather in the choir stalls and wait in silence for the service to begin.

Opening Responses

We meet in the name of God, creator of the universe, source of true humanity, mother and father of us all. **Amen.**

We meet in the name of Jesus, Word made flesh, saviour of fallen humanity, lover of all. **Amen.**

We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, midwife of new humanity, inspirer of all. **Amen.**

Come then, eternal God,
be present here, befriend us here, renew us here.

Kyrie

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

Coventry Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
Creator, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
Creator, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
Creator, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Creator, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
Creator, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
Creator, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Creator, forgive.

Silence.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Holy and immortal God, in Christ you have named us friends and called us to follow him as disciples: may we be faithful in our calling, so that, by walking in your light, we may scatter the darkness of the world; through Christ, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

Reading | *Isaiah 49:1-7*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 71:1-14

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you. I have become a portent to many; but you are my refuge and my strength. Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long. Do not cast me off in my old age; forsake me not when my strength fails. For my enemies are talking against me, and those who lie in wait for my life take counsel together. They say, "Go after and seize the one whom God has forsaken; because there is no one who will save." O God, be not far from me; come quickly to help me, O my God. Let those who set themselves against me be put to shame and be disgraced; let those who seek to do me evil be covered with scorn and reproach. But I shall always wait in patience, and shall praise you more and more.

Silence.

Gospel | John 12:20-36

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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered,

"This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence.

Prayers

Let us pray.

The crippled and the blind came to Jesus in the temple and he healed them. So let us pray for those who are crippled by disease or anxiety;

Silence.

Let us pray for those who are crippled by a system...

Silence.

Let us pray for those who are blind to beauty, love and peace...

Silence.

Let us pray for those who are blind to what they must do now or do next...

Silence.

Let us pray for the church in places where it has the possibility of healing the wounds of the nations...

Silence.

Let us pray for ourselves, that we may discern a clear vision of your kingdom; and that we may steadily walk your path, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn | *O dearest Lord, thy sacred head*

***O dearest Lord, thy sacred head with thorns was pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my head that I may think for thee.***

***O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands with nails were pierced for me:
O shed thy blessing on my hands that they may work for thee.***

***O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet with nails were pierced for me:
O pour thy blessing on my feet that they may follow thee.***

***O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart with spear was pierced for me:
O pour thy Spirit in my heart that I may live for thee.***



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Celebrating

Prayer Over the Gifts

Source of life, accept all we offer you this day, and turn us from sin and death, that we may share in the tree of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfilment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our knowing, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living; for his compassion which changes our hearts; for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities; for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough. Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer.

Silence.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it. It is my body, given for you.'

Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

Jesus, firstborn of Mary,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, monarch of heaven,
grant us peace.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share. With full hearts, we give you thanks and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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; and 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.

Breaking of the Bread

He who has suffered for our injustices,
is now present in this bread.

He whose body was hung on a cross,
is now offered to us in this cup.

So take this bread and this wine.

In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

All are welcome to come forward. 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 | *Betrachte, meine Seel'* (BWV 245/19 | J.S. Bach

Betrachte, meine Seel, mit ängstlichem Vergnügen, mit bitterer Lust und halb beklemmtem Herzen, dein höchstes Gut in Jesu Schmerzen, wie dir aus Dornen, so ihn stechen, die Himmelsschlüsselblumen blühen, du kannst viel süße Frucht von seiner Wermut brechen; drum sieh ohn Unterlaß auf ihn. | Observe now, O my soul, with fearful satisfaction, With bitter joy and heart half-gripped in anguish Thy highest good in Jesus' torments: For thee the thorns

there which have pierced him As keys to heaven's flowers bloom! Thou canst pluck much sweet fruit from his most bitter wormwood, So look unceasingly on him!

Sending

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, may we who share this banquet glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life, and hope, who reigns as Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

In gratitude for this moment, this place, those around us, Christ among us, **we give ourselves to you, our God. Take us out to live as changed people because we have met the risen Christ and cannot be the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of God, sure, strong and kindly, be around you and within you, now and all the days and nights of your journey home. **Amen.**

Go now, in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Wednesday | April 1st

12.05 pm | Sung Eucharist

Maundy Thursday | April 2nd

12.05 pm | Contemplative Prayer
7 pm | Choral Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday | April 3rd

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

Holy Saturday | April 4th

8 pm | A Vigil for Easter

Easter Day | April 5th

8.30 am | Holy Eucharist
10.30 am | Festal Eucharist

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