



Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 1st | 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 every generation you call us to contend against brutality and betrayal. Even through fear and uncertainty keep us steadfast in the way of Jesus Christ, who leads us. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

Reading | *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation

say for ever, "Great is the Lord!" But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Silence.

Gospel | *John 13:21-32*

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 was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples - the one whom Jesus loved - was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

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 | *There is a green hill far away*

***There is a green hill far away, outside a city wall,
where the dear Lord was crucified who died to save us all.***

***We may not know, we cannot tell what pains he had to bear;
but we believe it was for us he hung and suffered there.***

***He died that we might be forgiven, he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven, saved by his precious blood.***

***O dearly, dearly has he loved, and we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood, and try his works to do.***



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Celebrating

Prayer Over the Gifts

God of glory, may our worship this day fix the eyes of our faith on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our new humanity, who is seated at the right hand of your throne, now and for ever. **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 | *Blute nur du liebes Herz (St. Matthew Passion) | J.S. Bach*

Blute nur, du liebes Herz! Ach! ein Kind, das du erzogen, das an deiner Brust gesogen, droht den Pfleger zu ermorden, denn es ist zur Schlange worden. | Only bleed, you beloved heart! Oh, a child that you brought up, that nursed at your breast, threatens to murder the guardian for (the child) has become the serpent.

Sending

Prayer after Communion

God our help, your Son was betrayed by one who called himself a friend. May we who call him Lord ever remain his faithful people, for he lives and reigns with you 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.

Celebrant | The Reverend Canon Doug Richards
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Holy Week and Easter Services

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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