

*The Cathedral Church of St. James
Diocese of Toronto • Anglican Church of Canada*

*April 7, 2020: Ante-Communion, Blessing of Oils and
Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons*

Hymn

Tune: Gonfalon Royal

Blest by the sun, the olive tree brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer, Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.

Eternal King, look down and bless the oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign which all the powers of darkness fear.

Our wounded nature thus be healed by your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed shall God's own image be restored.

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son, who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones, and break the power of death's dark tomb.
Amen.

Bishop The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

Bishop Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Bishop Almighty God,

People 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.

Confession and Absolution

Bishop Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God
welcomes sinners and invites us to this table. Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Please kneel, as you are able.

Bishop Most merciful God,
All 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.

Bishop 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.

People Amen.

Kyrie

Missa Orbis Factor - Plainsong

All *Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Bishop Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring the good news of your kingdom. Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and his victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-9

Reader The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They

shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines; but you shall be called priests of the Lord, you shall be named ministers of our God; you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations, and in their riches you shall glory. Because their shame was double, and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot, therefore they shall possess a double portion; everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm *Please remain seated.* *Psalm 89: 19-29—Tone I.1*

Cantor You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful peo-ple; *
“I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the peö-ple.

All I have found David my ser-vant; *
with my holy oil have I a-nöin-ted_him.

Cantor My hand will hold him fast; *
and my arm will mäke him_strong.

All No enemy shall de-ceive him; *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

Cantor I will crush his foes be-fore him; *
and strike down those who häte him.

All My faithfulness and love shall be with him; *
and he shall be vic-to-rious thröugh my_name.

Cantor I shall make his dominion ex-tend; *
from the Great Sea to the Rï-ver.

All He will say to me, 'You are my Fa-ther; *
my God, and the rock of my sal-vä-tion.

Cantor I will make him my first-born; *
and higher than the kings of the_earth.

All I will keep my love for him for e-ver; *
and my covenant will stand firm for_him.

Cantor I will establish his line for e-ver; *
All and his throne as the days of hēa-ven.

The Second Reading

James 5: 13-16a

Reader Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.

Reader The word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Andrew Ager

Please stand, as you are able.

Cantor Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

People Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Cantor The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

People Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4: 16-21

Gospeller The Lord be with you. *People* And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospeller When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ. *People* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Anthem The Spirit Of The Lord

Text: Isaiah 61: 1–3, 11;

Music: Edward Elgar

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that he might be glorified.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel.

The Apostles' Creed

Please stand, as you are able.

Bishop

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All

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.

Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows

Bishops, Priests and Deacons remain standing. Laity please be seated.

Bishop

Dear friends, the ministry we share is none other than the sacrificial ministry of Christ, who gave himself up to death on the cross for the salvation of the world. By his glorious resurrection he has opened for us the way of everlasting life. By the gift of the Holy Spirit he shares with us the richness of his grace.

Bishop We are called to proclaim his death and resurrection, to administer the Sacraments of the New Covenant which he sealed with his blood on the cross, and to care for his people in the power of the Spirit.

Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to your ministry, under the pastoral direction of your Bishop?

Clergy I do, with the help of God.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study?

Clergy I do, with the help of God.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received?

Clergy I do, with the help of God.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to your people?

Clergy I do, with the help of God.

Bishop And now, as your bishop, I too, before God and all present, re-dedicate myself and reaffirm the promises that I made when I was ordained. I ask your prayers.

All Clergy May the Lord who has given us the will to do these things, give us also the grace and power to perform them.

The ampullas of holy oils are placed on the altar.

Blessing of Chrism

Bishop Dear Friends in Christ, in the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the creation; and throughout history, God, by the gift of the Holy Spirit, has empowered his people to serve him. As a sign of that gift, the priests and kings of Israel were anointed with oil; and our Lord Jesus was himself anointed with the Holy Spirit at his Baptism as the Christ, God's own Messiah. At Baptism, Christians are likewise anointed by the same Spirit to empower them for God's service. Let us now set apart this oil to be the sign of that anointing.

Let us pray.

Bishop Eternal God, whose blessed Son was anointed by the Holy Spirit to be the Savior and servant of all, we pray you to consecrate this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the royal priesthood of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Blessing of Oils for Healing

Bishop Dear Friends in Christ, in holy scripture we hear that when another is sick, we are to call the elders of the church to pray and anoint in God's holy name. We now set apart this oil, so that it can be blessed and used for the ministry of healing.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

When we turned away from you in sin, your anointed Son took our nature and entered our suffering to bring your healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of his glory. His apostles anointed the sick in your name, bringing wholeness and joy to a broken world.

By your grace renewed each day you continue the gifts of healing in your Church that your people may praise your name for ever. By the power of your Spirit, may your blessing rest on this oil, that those anointed with it in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit.

All Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

All please stand, as you are able.

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor.

The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Bishop As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All 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. 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.

The Peace

The Blessing

Bishop May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

Hymn

Tune: Bellwoods

Restore in us, O God, the splendour of your love;
renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fears unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

Three-personed God, fulfil the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

Postlude

*The consecrated oils will be available in the Diocesan Chapel
for pick up by clergy after the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
Please await notification from the Diocese.*

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