



Clergy Pre-Lenten Day

“Adaptive Change: Stepping Out in Hope”

Opening Service

February 22, 2022

Holy Eucharist at 9:30am

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

Land Acknowledgement

This sacred land is the territory of several Indigenous Nations - the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee, and the Anishnaabe, with special recognition to the Mississaugas of New Credit.

We also acknowledge that we are on the shores of Niigaani-gichigami / Lake Ontario.

This territory is governed by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Treaty, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishnaabe Confederacy to peaceably share and sustain the life of the Great Lakes.

In the spirit of that Treaty we seek to place at the centre of our gatherings the values of respectful reciprocity, diversity, peace, responsibility, and mutual aid.

Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Bishop Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
All **Grace and peace to you.**

Bishop Source of all Life, Incarnate Love, the One who leads us in all truth, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another.
All **Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Written by The Reverend Susan Spicer

Confession and Absolution

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

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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: McKee

All In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth;
the family that God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.

For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
has reconciled us through the Son, and met us all with grace.

It is by grace we are assured that we belong to him:
the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spirit's work within.

So brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate and shame, from spite and enmity!

In Christ there is no east or west he breaks all barriers down:
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

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Collect of the Day

Bishop Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Reading

James 4: 1-10

Reader Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, ‘God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us’? But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Reader
People

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

Psalm 51: 11-18—Tone IV.1

Psalm

Cantor

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked,
and sinners shall return to you.
Deliver me from death, O God,
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.
Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Please stand, as you are able.

Traditional South African

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me,
and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9: 30-37

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospeller They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Great Commandment

Bishop Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

All **Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

The Peace

Bishop Jesus said, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn

Tune: Jesus Calls Us

All Jesus calls us here to meet him as through word and song and prayer
we affirm God’s promised presence where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise; praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us, to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness, saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story; tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other: found in him are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language—such are barriers he derides.
Join the hand of friend and stranger; join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter in their common search for truth.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Bishop Merciful God, accept all we offer you this day. Lead us to love you with
all our heart, and to love all people with your perfect love. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Written by The Rev’d Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Bishop God is here.

People **God will never forsake us.**

Bishop We lift our hearts.

People **With soul and strength we lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop God’s goodness never ends.

People **And thanksgiving will never cease.**

Bishop

We give thanks to you, O God, because through your goodness you have made all creation good. Time and again we have disfigured the beauty of your creation; and we have brought pain and hurt into our world, and towards one another.

You lead your people out of bondage, you sent your prophets to the widow in Zarephath and her son, and to the leper, Naaman the Syrian. In our time, with faithful servants, saints and martyrs, you have delivered your people from the tyrannies of slavery, holocaust, apartheid, and degradation. Your empowering and liberating presence will continue to enrich and sustain us who wrestle and struggle against the evils of oppression, exploitation, discrimination and exclusion.

Therefore, with all your servants, saints, and martyrs, and all the heavenly host of witnesses, we acclaim your glorious and matchless Name, as we say:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Land of Rest

All

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.

Bishop

Sovereign Lord God, you revealed your eternal love for all your creatures in the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whom you sent to reconcile creation and make it new. With acts of love and compassion, he gave hope to those who were filled with despair. The enemies of justice and mercy pursued him to death.

On the night before his death, after eating the Passover with his friends, Jesus did something new. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this always in remembrance of me."

After supper, he 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the re-living of my life."

And so, Loving God, as we gather around this table, joyfully responding to his commandment, and as we share the bread and cup of Christ's liberating love, we renew our faith as we proclaim:

All **The enemies of evil, sin and death will be defeated, and we will share in the victory of our redemption in God's reign in all the world.**

Bishop We therefore pray you to breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts that we lift up to you: this bread, this cup. Make them, with us, visible signs and symbols of your abiding love and presence among all your people, as we strive to respond to your mission in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory, praise and power is yours, Creator of all, from generation to generation.

All **Amen.**

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 Breaking of the Bread

Bishop We break this bread,

All **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Bishop Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei

New Plainsong – David Hurd

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

The Communion

Bishop The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Bishop Dear friends, if you are present or elsewhere and are unable to receive the sacrament at this time, I invite you to join me and the whole church in spiritual communion to receive Christ, who is present in this Sacrament of the Altar. Let us pray.

People **Lord Christ, present in the Sacrament of the altar and in your people, gathered in spirit, come and abide in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; transform my life and actions that they may reflect the image of your holiness; and, by the power of your liberating love, overthrow all that threatens or disrupts the justice and truth of the reign of God. In your name I pray. Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Tune: Goodness Is Stronger

All Goodness is stronger than evil;
love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness;
life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours, victory is ours
through him who loved us.

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Motet **Give Me Jesus**

arr. Moses Hogan

Cantor In the morning, when I rise give me Jesus;
You can have all this world give me Jesus.

When I am alone give me Jesus;
You can have all this world give me Jesus.

When I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

You can have all this world,
just give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

Prayer after Communion

Bishop Let us pray.

Gracious God, in the eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. Grant that strengthened by these holy gifts, we may show your love in our lives, and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Glory to God,

All **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.**

The Blessing

Bishop The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Tune: Duke Street

All Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ in our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;
kingship with him his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to recreate.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:
he claims our minds, to search his ways,
he claims our lips, to speak his truth,
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are the Church; he makes us one:
here is one hearth for all to find,
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King,
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

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The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Celebrant & Homilist: The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil

Assisting Clergy: The Reverend Claire Latimer-Dennis

Deacon: The Reverend Virginia Gabriel

Reader: Yohan Dumpala

Intercessor: The Reverend Susan Spicer

Honorary Verger: Paul D. Seddon, ODT

Music Director & Organist: Thomas Bell • Assisting at the Organ: Robert Pecksmith

Cantor: Hattie Pecksmith

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