

EASY PRINT – Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023

Welcome Greeting

Fr. Daniel

Please rise in Spirit or body & sing

Processional Hymn: #397 - “PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”

Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.

Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us one.

✠ The Gathering of the Community

Leader: 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.**

✠ The Penitential Rite

Leader: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us pray. Blessed be God who forgives all our sins;

People: **whose mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Dear friends in Christ as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Priest: God of all mercy,

All: **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created. We turn from the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done. and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Kyrie

All sing



Lord, have mer-cy up on us. Christ, have mer-cy up on us. Lord, have mer-cy up on us.

Priest: 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.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Please be seated

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

1 Samuel 16.1-13

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm 23

Please remain seated



O__ God is my shep - herd, I shall not be in want.

Cantor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. *Refrain*

Cantor: He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. *Refrain*

Cantor: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. *Refrain*

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Ephesians 5.8-14

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please stand & sing

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: #446- "WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH"

The first two verses are sung before the Gospel.

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending:
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.

Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation;
saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.

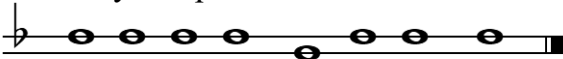
The last verse will be sung; after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: 

Glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

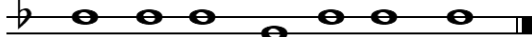
As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

John 9.1-41

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

The last two verses will be sung; after the Gospel.

Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness.

Deaf we are: our healer be; loose our tongues to tell your kindness.

Be our Word in pity spoken; heal the world by our sin broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling;

Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling;

Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Sermon

Please be seated

Solo - "LET US CHEER THE WEARY TRAVELER"

Laurel Tubman

African - American Spiritual/Arr by Harry T. Burleigh

Refrain:

Let us cheer the weary traveler, cheer the weary traveler,

Let us cheer the weary traveler, along the heavenly way.

*I'll take my gospel trumpet, and I'll begin to blow,
And if my Saviour helps me, I'll blow wherever I go. [Refrain]*

*And if you meet with crosses and trials on the way,
Just put your trust in Jesus, and don't forget to pray. [Refrain]*

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers & Lenten Prose

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Let us kneel or remain seated as we pray for the church, the world and those in need.

Leader: Creator of All, give peace where there is no peace in Ukraine and for those suffering in Turkiye and Syria.

Leader: Lord Jesus, bless and direct your Church. We pray for our Bishops Andrew and Kevin and in the Mississauga Deanery we pray for St. Thomas a Beckett, the Reverend David Matthews and Reverend Ginnie Wong. In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for all who serve as Greeters.

Holy Spirit, comfort and relieve those who suffer, or who are in need... and any others you wish to pray for, aloud or in silence... We remember those who have died, ... for whom the memorial flowers are offered, and we pray for all who mourn.

We continue our prayers as we sing the Lenten Prose.

The cantor sings the refrain then the congregation repeats.



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a - gainst thee.

Cantor: To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings; listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: O thou chief corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father, Way of salvation, Gate of life celestial; cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated, bow down and hearken to thy weeping children; pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: Sins oft committed now we lay before thee; with true contrition, now no more we veil them; grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

All sing the refrain

Cantor: Innocent captive, taken unresisting, falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced; save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

All sing the refrain

The Peace

Please stand

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

We give out of our blessings to bless others.

If you are new or visiting, please don't feel you need to give anything.

Offertory Hymn: #35 - "WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS"

All sing

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people, bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.

We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us; guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour! With our lives, we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Offertory Sentence

All sing

Giv - er of the per - fect gift, bless us in these Lent - en days,
use us and the gifts we bring, help us fol - low in your ways.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God of light, your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory. Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Presider: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

All sing

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -

- san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na, in the high - est.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat" this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Præsider:

All sing unaccompanied
People:

As our Sav-iour taught us let us pray. Our Fath - er in hea-ven,
hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven, Give us to - day our dai - ly bread,
For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial. And de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king-dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: M. Robinson
Theodore Presser Co.

Priest: We break this bread,

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

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

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

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

AGNUS DEI

All sing



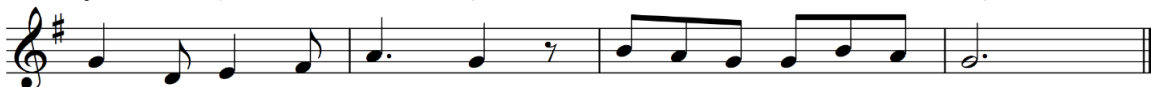
Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sin, have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,



give us your peace, give us your peace.

Communion

Those who have been baptized in any Christian church, including children, are welcome to receive communion. If you have not been baptized yet or do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you are welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing. Simply cross your hands over your chest to alert the priest you wish to receive a blessing.

Communion Hymn: #612 - "HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL"

All sing

Refrain:

*Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness.
Spirit of all comfort: fill our hearts. *Refrain:*

In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision: God of love. *Refrain:*

Give us strength to love each other, every sister, every brother.
Spirit of all kindness: be our guide. *Refrain:*

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing.
Spirit of compassion: fill each heart. *Refrain:*

Communion Hymn: (AAHH # 435) – "PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOUR"

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour, hear my humble cry,
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain:

*I'm calling Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry;
While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at a throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief. *Refrain:*

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. *Refrain:*

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me,
Whom have on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Blessing & Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: #345 - "KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE"

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
even eternity's too short to extol thee.

Dismissal

Priest: Go and see the world through eyes opened by Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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