

## EASY PRINT – Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

**Welcome** – *Fr. Daniel*

*Please rise in spirit or body & sing*

Processional Hymn: #393 - “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

### ✠ **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.**

*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.**

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 Kyrie

*All sing*



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

### 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*

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 Paraphrase #519 - “THE LORD’S MY SHEPHERD”**

*Please remain seated*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want: he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

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 rise in body or spirit & sing*

Gospel Acclamation: #716- “GLORY AND PRAISE TO YOU”

*Sung before the Gospel, repeating as necessary*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *(repeat)*

## 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.”



All: **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 of the People**

*Please kneel or be seated*

*The Leader offers prayers for the church, the world, the sick and the suffering, and those who have died.*

Leader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world: in the Mississauga Deanery, we pray for ....; in our parish, we pray for the .... We pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those preparing for baptism, first communion and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, ...; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Remembering, ..., in whose name the memorial flowers are given, and for grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

## ✠ Commissioning and Blessing of the Churchwardens

*The Churchwardens approach the chancel steps. The Priest addresses the community, saying,*

Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts to live out our ministries in our daily lives. Today, we recognize and affirm the ministry of Churchwarden for which ..., have offered themselves and to which they have been acclaimed at our recent vestry.

*The Priest addresses the Churchwardens, saying,*

Priest: ..., as Wardens in Christ's holy church you are charged with the sacred task of sharing in the leadership of the community you serve. You are called to be stewards of the time, talent, and treasure of this parish and all other gifts entrusted to your care. In all things, you are called to serve as an example and witness to God's people: living out your ministry and your lives with faith, honour, and integrity so that God may be glorified in all that you do. Do you now, before this community and before God, commit yourself to this ministry.

*The Churchwardens turn and face the congregation, saying,*

Wardens: I commit myself to God, to the church, and to this community of St, John the Baptist (Dixie) to embrace the vocation of churchwarden with industry and integrity, to be humble in leading, faithful in living, and diligent in the stewardship of all things and all people committed to my care. This I promise, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The Priest addresses the community, saying,*

Priest: Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry to which . . . , have committed themselves. Is it your will that they be commissioned to this ministry?

People: **It is.**

Priest: Will you support and uphold them in this ministry?

People: **We will.**

Priest: Let us pray. Gracious God, in every age you call your people to offer their gifts that they may follow in their ministries where you lead the way. Bless the work of these your servants, that by remaining steadfast in their calling to be faithful stewards of your Church they may witness to your abiding faithfulness as the steward of all creation. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

*After the declaration is read, the symbols of office are presented, saying,*

Priest: . . . , receive these staffs and these keys as symbols of your office as guardians of this church. May your commitment and care be a sign of God's steadfast love for all his faithful people.

*The Priest presents the churchwardens to the community.*

## **The Peace**

*Please rise in body or spirit*

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

All: **And also with you.**

*The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of its members.*

*We give in the thanksgiving for all that God has given us.*

Offertory Hymn: # 533 - "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL"

*All sing*

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee.  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness:  
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

## ✠ 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.**

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled "Presider:" and the second part is labeled "People:". The lyrics for the first staff are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff has the lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The third staff has the lyrics: "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.**

*During the season of Lent, the Lord's Prayer,  
normally sung, will simply be spoken.*

**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 forever.  
Amen.**

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.**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Priest: If you are joining us from home, please pray with me this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

*The following is said by the Priest and those worshipping with us online.*

Online: Holy One, in times of exile, you always remained close to your people, sustaining them in faith, by your Word and Spirit. Help me to feast on your Word, and uphold me by your Spirit, until I can again partake of your Body and Blood. I pray in Jesus' name.  
All: **Amen.**

Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

*All sing*



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant 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: - “THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD”

*All sing*

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want. He makes my lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

*Refrain:*

*And I will trust in you alone. And I will trust in you alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me. Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;  
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on his pure delights. *Refrain*

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff, Are the comfort I need to know. *Refrain*

Communion Hymn: (AAH # 680) – “TASTE AND SEE”

*Refrain:*

*Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips  
my soul shall glory in the Lord for God has been so good to me. *Refrain:*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God’s name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain:*

Worship the Lord, all you people You’ll want for nothing if you ask,  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in god we need put all our trust. *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

Priest: Christ, grant you the grace to grow in holiness, the strength to take up your cross daily and the faith to follow him. And the blessing of God + Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon those you all, through Lent – and always.

All: **Amen.**

## Announcements

*Please rise in body or spirit & sing*

Closing Hymn: #444 - “YOUR HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED” (v 1,3, 4, 5)

Your hand, O God, has guided your flock from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written, full clear, on every page.  
Our forebears owned your goodness and we their deeds record,  
and both of this bear witness: one church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows, thickly falling, engulfed the world in night,  
you summoned forth your servants, your messengers of light.  
On them and on your people your plenteous grace was poured,  
and this was still their message: one church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless, shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the struggle and cast away the crown?  
Not so; in God's deep counsels some better gift is stored:  
the covenant of promise – one church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us, nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us, your people shall be one;  
and then, by all creation, your name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem: one church, one faith, one Lord.

## Dismissal

*The "Alleluia" is omitted during the season of Lent.*

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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