

EASY PRINT – The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 30, 2025

Welcome – *Fr. Daniel*

Please rise in body or spirit and sing

Processional Hymn: #529 – “GOD MY HOPE ON YOU IS FOUNDED” (V 1,2 & 4)

God, my hope on you is founded; you my faith and trust renew:
through all change and chance you guide me, only good and only true.
God unknown, you alone call my heart to be your own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown, betray our trust;
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.
But your power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts forever, deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attending, beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore from God's store new-born worlds rise and adore.

✠ **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**

Please kneel or remain seated

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.**

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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

Please kneel or be seated

Leader: Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we live in Jesus Christ, your new creation.

All: **Amen.**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Joshua.

Please be seated

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

Joshua 5.9-12

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Psalm #32.1-6

Please remain seated

REFRAIN

The Cantor sings the refrain, all repeat

Surinder S. Mundra

March 10, 2010

O Lord my God, _____ You are my hope, _____ and my re - fuge.

Verse: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **REFRAIN**

Verse: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. **REFRAIN**

Verse: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord', and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **REFRAIN**

Verse: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. **REFRAIN**

Verse: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. **REFRAIN**

Verse: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart. **REFRAIN**

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5.16-21

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A moment of silence is observed

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Sequence Hymn: # 520– “THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS” (HYMN REQUEST)

The first three verses are sung before the Gospel

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.


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

The Gospel

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

All: 

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

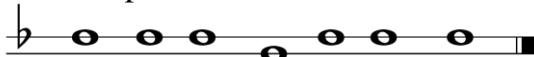
Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them.

A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

All:



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ.

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

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!

Sermon

Please be seated

✠ 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 Bobby Briones, Melanie Powell, Maggy Farnell, and Uche Obi, have offered themselves and to which they have been acclaimed at our recent vestry.

The Priest addresses the Churchwardens, saying,

Priest: Bobby, Melanie, Maggy and Uche, 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 sacred trust.

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 swear, 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 Bobby, Melanie, Maggy and Uche, have committed themselves. Is it your will that they be commissioned to this sacred task?

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: Bobby, Melanie, Maggy and Uche, 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 Nicene Creed

Please rise in body or spirit

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 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, “Lord, have mercy.”)

Leader: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, in the Mississauga Deanery for the Mission and Outreach of Mississauga churches. In our own parish, we pray for the Livestream Operators of St. John’s church, that in faithful witness they 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 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 the 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: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

The Peace

Please rise in body or spirit

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

People: **And also with you.**

The ministry of the church depends on the generosity of it's members.

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

We welcome back the children from Sunday school..

Offertory Hymn: (AAHH #469)– “ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEAD ME” *All sing*

All the way my saviour lead me what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?

Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; well.

For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well; well.

All the way my Saviour leads me cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feed me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see; see.
Gushing from the rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see; see.

All the way my Saviour leads me O the fullness of His love!

Perfect rest to me is promise in my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothes immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,

This my song through endless ages: Jesus lead me all the way; way.

This my song through endless ages: Jesus lead me all the way; way.

✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

Priest: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, 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: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing.

SANCTUS

All sing

John Merbecke
Surinder S. Mundra

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please kneel or be seated

Priest: We praise you, merciful Father, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this all of you: this is my blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

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;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Priest: If you are worshipping with us from home, please join us in this act of Eucharist, by offering 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.

People: **Amen.**

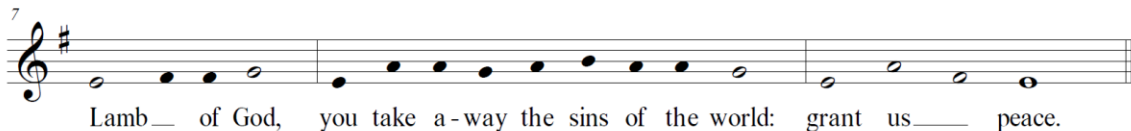
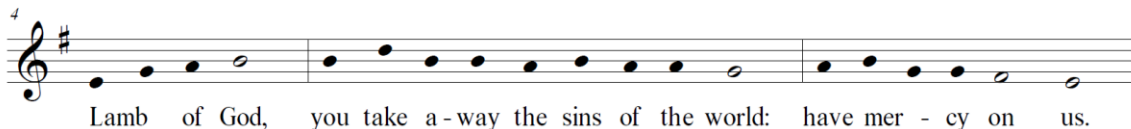
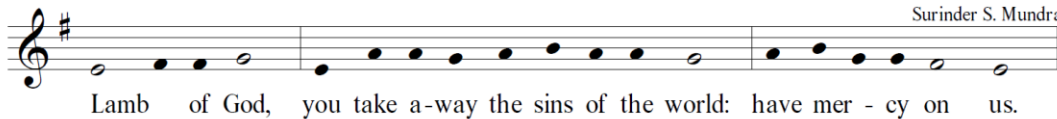
Priest: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

All sing

John Merbecke
Surinder S. Mundra



The 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: #615– “JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA”

All sing

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am – thy love unknown has broken every barrier down –
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Hymn: (AAHH #396) - “I SURRENDER ALL”

All sing

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all.

All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all for saken, take me, Jesus, take me now. *Refrain:*

All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Saviour, wholly Thine.
Fill me with Thy Holy Spirit, truly know that thou art mine. *Refrain:*

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, let Thy blessings fall on me. *Refrain:*

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage; may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, making of peace; and our prayers, the song of grateful hearts' through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Please rise in body or spirit & sing

Closing Hymn: #575 – “LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE”

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power;
abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams,
our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way – the path untried;
your truth – the heart of stranger; your life – the Crucified.

Dismissal

The “Alleluia” is omitted during the season of Lent.

Priest: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**