



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

February 23, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



Processional Hymn

Gather – 539, Gather Us In



✘ The Gathering of the Community

Acknowledgement of Territory

We acknowledge that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe peoples, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship, listen, learn, share and heal together in the name of our creator, the Holy One of Blessing.

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

Almighty God, 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.

GLORIA

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen! Amen!

✘ **The Collect of the Day** *said together*

**God of new birth,
Whose compassionate power transforms sin into health
And temporal dust into eternal glory:
Grant us a gracious faith,
So that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery
We may face our trials with confidence,
And become a blessing to friend and enemy
For the sake of Jesus' name. Amen.**

✠ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there - since there are five more years of famine to come - so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Listen for the leading of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

✘ **PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42**

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

✘ **The Gospel**

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

LUKE 6:27-38

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise be to you, O Jesus Christ.**

✘ **Sermon**

✘ **Profession of Faith ~ the Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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.

✘ **The Prayers of the People**

✘ **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,

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

Silence is kept

Most merciful God,
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.

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. **Amen.**

✘ **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

The members of the community may greet one another in the name of Christ

✘ **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn

Gather – 524, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



✘ **The Prayer over the Gifts**

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.

✘ **Eucharistic Prayer**

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your Hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our creator. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you, Gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. when we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent us Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us to reconcile us to you, the maker and giver of all. Jesus healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; Christ opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things, Jesus fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night Jesus freely gave himself to death, Jesus, our teacher, took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke the bread and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; And after giving thanks, gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you; This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God, the perfect sacrifice of Jesus destroys the power of sin and death; by raising Jesus to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Recalling the death of Christ, proclaiming the resurrection, and looking for Christ to come again in glory, we offer you, God of compassion, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all glory is yours God of hope now and for ever. **Amen.**

✠ **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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 & the Communion**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

AGNUS DEI

Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany "Lamb of God" is sung during the breaking of the bread.



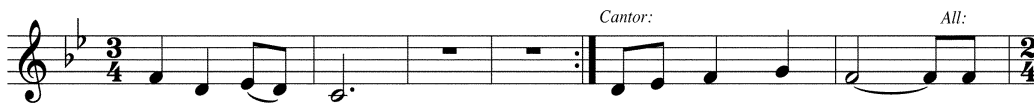
Cantor:

1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,

Last time



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



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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Communion Hymn

Common Praise – 375, At the Name of Jesus



Postlude

Gather – 418, Dwelling Place



✘ **Prayer after Communion**

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. Amen.

Glory to God, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

✘ **Announcements**

✘ **Blessing**

Recessional Hymn

Common Praise – 334, Holy God, We Praise Your Name



✘ **Dismissal**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHRIST CHURCH BOLTON

PRAYER LIST



Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God and offer support to those in need. We would like to invite you to take just a few minutes each day to pray for our church family, friends, and neighbors listed in our prayer list.

Laura

Helen

Yvonne & David

Jean & Terry

Pat

Margaret

Marg & Gary

Vera & Family

Havard

Bill & Dorothy

Carol Ohlers

Joyce

Mike Bewcyk

Mary Stone

Brianna

Susan

Gerri Hill

Darlene

Lisa & Family

Brian

Ann

Virginia & Imants

Christina

Sylvia Rose

If you wish to have a name added to the prayer list, please go to <https://christchurchbolton.ca/prayer-requests/> or call/email the church office.

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Carole Whitehead & Helen McQuade

Coffee Team

Helen McQuade / Joyce Shannon

Vestry Mtg. Lunch provided by Parish Life Team

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