



**The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton**  
**3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist**  
**January 26, 2025**  
**Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson**



## **Processional Hymn**

Common Praise – 398, Let Us with a Gladsome Mind



### **✘ 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 freedom,  
make us impatient to greet the time fulfilled,  
the poor lifted up,  
the oppressed set free  
and your love made manifest  
In Jesus Christ, the anointed servant. Amen.**

## ✕ The Liturgy of the Word

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

## ✘ PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## 768 Halle, Halle, Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal-

- le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le - lu - jah!

## ✘ **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.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."  
LUKE 4:14-21

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**

### **✕ Litany for Healing**

*Litanist:* God the creator, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Litanist:* God our redeemer, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Litanist:* God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Litanist:* Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*People:* **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

*Litanist:* Ever-loving God, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;



*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*People:* **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

*Litanist:* You are the Lord who does wonders;

*People:* **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

*Litanist:* With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

*People:* **And in your light we see light.**

*Litanist:* Hear us, O Lord of life;

*People:* **Heal us, and make us whole.**

God of mercy, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen**

## ✘ 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.**

Gather – 642, Healer of Our Every Ill



## ✘ Laying on of Hands

Celebrant: *(Name)* I lay my hand upon you, and anoint you with this oil in the name of God, your creator, redeemer and sustainer, beseeching our Saviour Jesus Christ to uphold you by his power, drive from you all sickness of body and spirit, and give you that victory of life and peace that will enable you to serve God now and for ever. 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 – 344, The Stars Declare His Glory



## ✘ **The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.**

## ✘ **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; it is our duty and joy at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise Holy God, heavenly Ruler, Almighty and eternal God through Jesus Christ your beloved, for Jesus is your living Word; through Jesus you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your

own image. Through Jesus you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born as a human and to die upon the cross; You raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high, through Jesus you have sent upon us Your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

**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.**

Accept our praises heavenly God, through your beloved, our saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow Christ's example and obey Jesus' command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us Christ's body and blood; Who in the same night that he was betrayed took bread and gave you thanks; broke it and gave it to the disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me,"

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup and gave you thanks, gave it to them saying: "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly God, we remember Christ's offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; and proclaim Christ's mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, As we look for Jesus' coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup that one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through Jesus, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine Majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your beloved Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Jesus Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven. We worship you, God Almighty, In songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and 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**

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

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

## AGNUS DEI

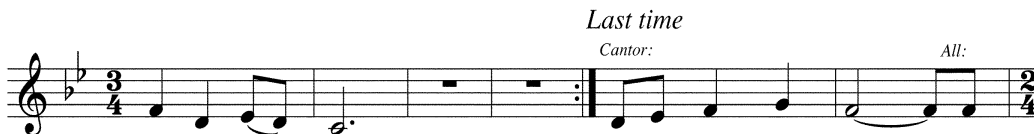
Then the eucharistic bread is solemnly broken and the consecrated bread and wine are prepared for holy communion. The litany "Lamb of God" is sung during the breaking of the bread.



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,



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**

Gather – 600, Now in This Banquet



### **Postlude**

Gather – 428 You Are Near



✘ **Prayer after Communion**

**Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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***

Gather – 373, Sing of the Lord's Goodness



✘ **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**

**Jean & Terry**

**Marg & Gary**

**Bill & Dorothy**

**Mike Bewcyk**

**Susan**

**Lisa & Family**

**Virginia & Imants**

**Helen**

**Pat**

**Vera & Family**

**Carol Ohlers**

**Mary Stone**

**Gerri Hill**

**Brian**

**Christina**

**Yvonne & David**

**Margaret**

**Havard**

**Joyce**

**Brianna**

**Darlene**

**Ann**

**Sylvia Rose**

**Trish Woodburn**

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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