



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Second Sunday in Lent

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

March 16, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson





Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 173, Creator of the Earth and Skies



✘ 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.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal one have mercy on us.

✘ The Collect of the Day

said together

Hope beyond all human hope, you promised Abraham and Sarah descendants as numerous as the stars. You promise light and salvation in the midst of darkness and despair, and redemption to a world that will not listen. Gather us in tenderness and open our ears to your word, so that we may live faithfully and confidently in your promises. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✘ The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS



After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord

made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."
GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18

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

✕ **PSALM 27**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will sustain me.

Show me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

✘ 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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" LUKE 13:31-35

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.**

✘ **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 – 444, No Greater Love



✘ **The Prayer over the Gifts**

God of wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name.

✘ Eucharistic Prayer

sit, kneel or stand for the prayer

Christ is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our sustainer.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Thank you, Creator, for making us and our wonderful world. Wherever we are in your world, we should always thank you, through Jesus.

Jesus lived as one of us; Jesus died on the cross for us; Jesus is alive because you gave him life again; Jesus is with us now.

So with angels and everyone in heaven, we sing together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Great and wonderful God, we remember when Jesus had supper with his friends the night before he died, Jesus took bread; thanked you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this and eat it – this is my body given for you. Do this to remember me.

After Supper, Jesus took the cup of wine; thanked you, gave it to his friends and said: All of you drink from this cup, because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love. Do this every time you drink it to remember me. Together we remember that Jesus is always with us and we sing:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So loving Sovereign, remembering how dearly Jesus loves us, we should love him too. Send your Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, on us, and on these gifts, so that, with everyone who eats and drinks this bread and wine, the body and blood of Jesus, we may be full of your life and goodness. Help us all to walk hand in hand with Jesus and live our lives for God.

All honour and glory belong to you, O God, through Jesus, with the Holy Spirit: One God, 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

We break this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

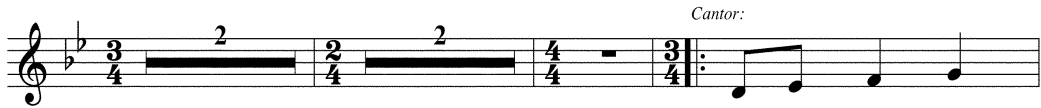
Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

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

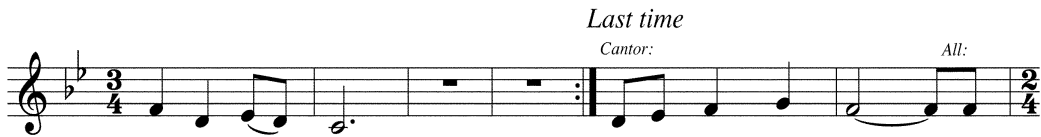


Cantor:

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

Cantor:

All:

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



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

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Hymn

Gather – 609, Taste and See



Postlude

Gather – 293, Jesus, Remember Me



✘ **Prayer after Communion**

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through 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 – 446, Word of God, Come Down on Earth



✘ **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 & Ross

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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