



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church Bolton

Fourth Sunday in Lent

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist

March 30, 2025

Preacher & Celebrant ~ Rev. Don Davidson



FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

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Processional Hymn

Common Praise – 175, Forty Days and Forty Nights



✘ 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

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 may live in Jesus Christ your new creation. Amen.

✘ The Liturgy of the Word



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

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.

JOSHUA 5:9-12

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

✘ PSALM 32

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Ancient Words – Lyrics

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart
Oh let the ancient words impart.

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.

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.'"

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

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

Common Praise – 352, Amazing Grace



✘ **The Prayer over the Gifts**

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

✘ 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.

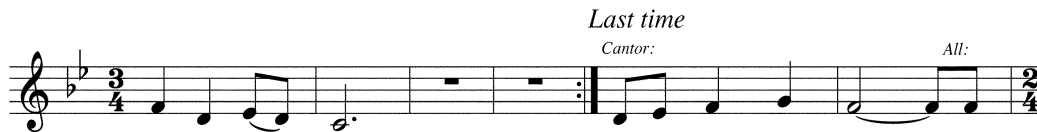


Cantor:

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 – 590, Bread of Life, Hope of the World



Postlude

Gather – 293, Jesus, Remember Me



✘ **Prayer after Communion**

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through 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 – 283, Return to God



✘ **Dismissal**

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



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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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