



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, March 10, 2024

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

*The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Andrew Sheldrick
from Steve, Sue, Amelia, and Simon.*

Welcome to Christ Church

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask our sides people. All kids are welcome to come forward for the children's talk and afterwards to join our volunteers for Sunday School. Restrooms and the nursery are in our hall (accessed through the side door to the right of the brass eagle lectern).

Prelude: Wir Danken Dir (We Thank You Jesus Christ) - J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn: #614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive *(Please Stand)*

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant 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.

Confession

Celebrant Seek the Lord while he may be found,

All call upon him while he is near.

Celebrant Let the wicked abandon their ways

All and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Celebrant Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy;

All to our God who will richly pardon.

cf Isaiah 55

Kyrie

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5 Ky-ri-e e-lei son. Chris-te e-lei-son.
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son.

(A time of silence and self-examination)

All Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *cf Psalm 51*

Celebrant May the God of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in God's image to the praise and glory of God's name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord,

All who has heard the voice of our prayer.

Celebrant Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

The Collect

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous

serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107

**Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days
with wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.**

**If you have ever wandered where no human help was near,
and in your trouble cried to God, who rescued you from fear,
then thank the God of steadfast love who dries your every tear.**

**So praise the One whose love is great, whose kindness is well known,
consider well the healing hand and help you have been shown,
and tell the world what God has done. Praise God and God alone!**

The Second Reading: 1 Ephesians 2:1-10

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery vs. 3 & 4

The Gospel Reading

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John (3:14-21).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual Hymn: #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery vs. 5 & 6e

Homily

The Pastor Martin Garber-Conrad

The Apostle's Creed

All 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

Prayer Cycle Diocese of Fredericton: the Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop (Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada). Diocese of Edmonton Regional Deans: Cameron Burns, Jonathan Crane, Danielle Key. Buyé Diocese, Buringanire Parish: Gerard Macumi, Rector. Samson Cree Nation.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #352 Amazing Grace

The Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant God of mercy and compassion,

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer #5 BAS, pg. 204

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder...Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
7 hea - ven and ea - rth are full, are full of your glo - ry.
13 Bless - ed is the one - who comes in the name of the Lord!
19 Ho - san - na in - the high - est Ho - san - na in the high - est

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus....We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant 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.

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Please come forward to receive communion. You may receive both the bread and the wine, or if you prefer, you may receive in one kind only, the bread. Intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted. A gluten free option is available. To receive a blessing from the priest in place of communion, please come up to the communion rail and cross your hands over your chest.

Music During Communion

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have - mer - cy
6 on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:
11 grant - us your peace. Grant - us your peace.

Choir: Ave Verum – Sarah MacDonald

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side flowed water and blood:

Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

Choir: Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake -- Richard Farrant

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Giver of life,

All 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.

The Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,

All 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, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #602 Lift High the Cross

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postude: Lift High the Cross (Crucifer) - Charles W. Ore

Readings for Next Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10, Jn 12:20-33

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Easter Egg Hunt Donations

You are invited to drop off small wrapped chocolate Easter Eggs for our
Children's Easter Egg Hunt in the bin in the cloak room at the entrance to
the church. Thank you for your generosity.

March 2024 at Christ Church

Filming of commercial on Saturday, March 9 from 7am to 7pm in the church hall.

Thanksgiving for the Life of Richard Rand on Saturday, March 16 at 11am. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him.

Stitches Group on Wednesday, March 20 at 1pm meets in the lounge. Bring along your project and enjoy tea/dessert and wonderful conversation.

Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00am

Join friends and neighbours for our 9th annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a giant egg hunt (starting shortly after 10am) games, crafts, food and fun! All are invited to this time of celebration and fun. Bring your Easter basket and a friend and we will see you there.

2024 Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am (in person) and 10:00 am (in person and live streamed)

Maundy Thursday Service, March 28

Holy Eucharist with the Rite of Foot Washing

7:00 pm (in person and live streamed)

Good Friday Children's Service, March 29

Interactive Stations of the Cross 10:00 am (in person)

Good Friday Solemn Service, March 29

1:00 pm (in person and live streamed)

The Great Vigil of Easter, March 30

(at the Cathedral 8:00 pm)

Easter Sunday, March 31

Holy Eucharist

8:00 am (in person) and 10:00 am (in person and live streamed)