



The Anglican Parish of Christ Church

Third Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist, 10:00am, March 3, 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 Olive and Mike Finland from their family.

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: Voluntary No. 7 in d minor - William Boyce

Processional Hymn: #170 The Glory of These Forty Days *(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.

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Talk

The First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them

or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 - sung by the choir – Chant: William Boyce

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written – vs. 1 & 2

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 (2:13-22).

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gradual Hymn: #476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written – vs. 3

Homily

The Rev. Ruth Sesink Bott

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 Edmonton: the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop. Diocese of Edmonton Archdeacons: Travis Enright, Jordan Haynie Ware, Sue Oliver. Buyé Diocese, Gakana Parish: Evariste Nsabimana, Rector. Saddle Lake Cree Nation.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: #386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant Gracious God,

All we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus 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 - Stephanie Martin

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.

Congregational Hymn - #174 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant God of mercy and forgiveness,

All may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and
peace, in the name of 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: #606 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fughetta on "The Ten Commandments" - J. S. Bach

Readings for Next Sunday: Numbers 21:4-9; 1 Ep 2:1-10, Jn 3:14-21

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Upcoming Events at Christ Church

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.

Friday, April 26 at 5pm Messy Church meets in the church hall. Families are invited for an evening of learning, fun, and dinner. Please note that due to Community Easter Egg Hunt no meeting in March.

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)