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*A "Hoodie"—the male Hooded Merganser
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 21st, 2021

9:30 am

Zoom service that will also be recorded

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Simone Hurkmans
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather virtually, we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Trisagion (CP#707) (x3)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
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ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant: God of life, you do not darken your light to us.

**All: God of life, you do not limit your joy in us.
God of life, you do not shut your door to us.**

Officiant: God of life, you do not refuse us your mercy.

All: Lord, help us to see your light, your joy, your open doors and your mercy in our everyday lives.

Officiant: Let us pray

O God of life, help our words catch the magnificence of your kindness. In the space of our hearts come close and repair us.

Silence is kept

Officiant: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

All: for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds, for our empty speech and the words with which we wound.

Silence is kept

Officiant: O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

All: for our false desires, for our hateful actions, for our wastefulness and for all we left untended.

Silence is kept

Officiant: O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

All: In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. Amen.

Trisagion (CP#707) (x3)

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant: God of suffering and glory,

All: in Jesus the Christ you reveal the way of life through the path of obedience. Write your law on our hearts, so that we may not stray from you, but be your people. Amen.

The First Reading is from Jeremiah (31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of

the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:9-6

One: How shall the young cleanse their way?

All: By keeping to your words.

One: With my whole heart I seek you;

All: let me not stray from your commandments.

One: I treasure your promise in my heart,

All: that I may not sin against you.

One: Blessed are you, O Lord;

All: instruct me in your statutes.

One: With my lips will I recite

All: all the judgements of your mouth.

One: I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees

All: than in all manner of riches.

One: I will meditate on your commandments

All: and give attention to your ways.

One: My delight is in your statutes;

All: I will not forget your word.

The Second Reading is from Hebrews (5:5-10)

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my

Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love #504

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours
we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbours to us and you. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour." "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith. We believe in God:

All: who befriended a wandering people, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius

and many others called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

Officiant: We believe in Jesus,

All: who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached the love of God to Syrians, attracted Greeks to his cause, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, saw incomparable faith in a Roman, had his cross shouldered by a Libyan, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in all places.

Officiant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who at Pentecost proved that heaven has no favoured mother-tongue; who, in the baptism of an Ethiopian, denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the ancient and modern worlds, founded churches in different cultures.

Officiant: We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus.

All: Yet we affirm that God is present among people who do not own Christ as their Lord.

Officiant: We believe that the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and that the love of God is beyond our understanding.

All: Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and reserves the right to surpass all human expectation.

Prayers of the People *(prepared by Aaron Leach)*

One: During his final days, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications. Let us emulate his ways in hope that together we can open our hearts to forgiveness, our eyes to truths, and our ears to concerns. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: As Spring begins, we pray for new beginnings. We pray that the leaders of all nations foster compassion in their policies addressing, environmental, political, and religious issues; and that they continue to be open to ideas and concerns from people of all walks of life. Give them the strength to cope and the wisdom to make fitting decisions. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for communities enduring poverty, for families affected by violence, and for individuals suffering in silence. We pray for any community, family, or individual feeling afraid, isolated, or alone. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for leaders from all walks of life, especially our politicians and those whose decisions have an impact on our city, our nation, and our world. In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne our Metropolitan; and Shane, our Bishop. In our own community, we pray for Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy, and for Brian, pastor of First United Church. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: We pray for all those in need, the sick, and the recovering. Remembering especially those who have requested our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Brayden** (Turtle); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Carran** (Taylor); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **David** (Nador); **Janet** (Whillans); **Bart** (Beglo); **Dan** (Gates); **Steve** (Jodoin); **Phyllis** (Marete); **Meghan** (Case); **Mary** (Hoth)

One: and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . .
Comfort the lonely and those who carry secret sorrows. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: And we pray for those who have died, especially those whom we name silently and aloud . . . , and those who mourn them. May their faith in you console them. God of eternal salvation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: Just like the fallen grain that produces an abundance of fruit, let our planting of seeds of kindness, empathy, and compassion bring us closer to each other and to our eternal loving God; through Jesus the Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Hymn: You Are Salt for the Earth

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You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the Kingdom of God!

Share the flavour of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!

Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!

Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we say,

All: 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.

Officiant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God, we long for the time when we can be fed by the body and blood of your Son Jesus the Christ. May we, who look to the time when we can share his body, live his risen life; we, who wait with expectation to drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Let us give, remembering what Jesus gave.

All: We will receive beyond our wildest dreams.

Officiant: Let us share our many talents.

All: We will rejoice in opportunities that are outside the box.

Officiant: Let us partner with those less fortunate than ourselves.

All: We will bring fresh vision and hope.

Officiant: Let us confront the powerful and scornful.

All: We will summon up courage and not back down.

Officiant: Let us work with our church friends.

All: We will share in the common enterprises of faith.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Sunday, March 28th, 2021

Mark 11:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 15:1-39

Please pray this week for

- those worshipping and ministering at Christ Church, Bells Corners;
- in our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and The Middle East, Saviour Church, Kufr-Yasif, Israel;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Jean Chaplin, John Larsen, Amy Stremes, and Edna Sawatzky; and
- the various community associations contained within our parish.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader: Mike Jones

Cantor: Karen Blackie

Intercessor: Aaron Leach

Credits:

Opening prayers from A Wee Worship Book, fifth edition, p. 51.

Collect from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A Wee Worship Book

Closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

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Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro
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This Week

Monday	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
Tuesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
Friday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Upcoming Events

Morning Prayer in Lent

Tuesday to Friday, at 9:00 am, via Zoom

Join Simone for morning prayer throughout Lent. We'll be rotating through four different forms of Morning Prayer. The Zoom link will remain the same for all sessions. Let's pray together!

Holy Week—Stay Tuned!

Plans are afoot for Holy Week services. We await word from our Diocese on whether we will be allowed to gather in person again (Amber) or will be asked to continue with digital-only services (Red). In either case, there will be at least one opportunity for community worship each day in Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, on March 28th, through Easter Sunday on April 4th. Stay tuned to Chris's emails and our website for more information.

End of Lent Virtual Meal

Saturday, April 3rd, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join Simone and Julie for this third virtual community meal following our successful Shrove Tuesday and mid-Lenten meals. While we won't be able to celebrate the resurrection just yet, Holy Saturday in Lent will be a chance to gather, pray, sing, and look ahead to Easter drawing very near. There will be an opportunity to pick up a special sweet treat curbside at the church earlier that afternoon. Keep watching this space and Chris' emails for more details.