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*"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord." (Psalm 19)
Photo by Christopher Dunn*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7th, 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,
5 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: Look for the Lord, while God is present; call out to God who is close at hand. Let us pray. Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. You look at the ugliest soul and see untold potential for beauty.

People: We scan the finest of our neighbours, anxious to find the flaws.

Celebrant: You see our lives in the context of eternity, and make a time for waiting, for yearning, for putting all things in proportion.

People: We demand instant results; and look for tomorrow before savouring today.

Celebrant: You know that only one who suffers can ultimately save, so you choose to walk the way of the cross.

People: We feel judged and threatened by that love which risks all for all.

Celebrant: Your thoughts are not our thoughts,

People: nor are your ways our ways.

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 the covenant,

All: give us zeal to discern the foolishness and the wisdom of this present age, so that we may proclaim Christ crucified; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Reading is from Exodus (20:1-17)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

One: The heavens declare the glory of God,

All: and the firmament shows the handiwork of the Lord.

One: One day tells its tale to another,

All: and one night imparts knowledge to another.

One: Although they have no words or language,

All: and their voices are not heard,

One: their sound has gone out into all lands,

All: and their message to the ends of the world.

One: In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun;

All: it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

One: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;

All: nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;

All: the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

One: The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;

All: the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

One: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;

All: the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

One: More to be desired are they than gold,

All: more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey,

One: than honey in the comb.

All: By them also is your servant enlightened,

One: and in keeping them there is great reward.

All: Who can tell how often they offend?

One: Cleanse me from my secret faults.

All: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

One: let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,

All: and innocent of a great offense.

One: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight;

All: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading is from 1 Corinthians (1:18-25)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross #386

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2:13-22

All: 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

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

All: who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath; who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name; who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

Celebrant: We believe in Jesus the Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

All: He came in the body to give worth to every human life. He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable, forgave the unforgivable and endured slander, persecution and death in order that through suffering love God’s kingdom might come on earth. He rose from the grave as living proof that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory. He ascended to heaven that he might be present at all times to all people.

Celebrant: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

All: who leads us into truth and freedom, who gives good gifts to all God’s children, who inspires research, enables prayer, and wills that human economics and politics should make a priority of justice, care of the earth and the healing of the nations.

Celebrant: We celebrate the potential of the Church,

All: the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls, the promise of good things in store for those who love the Lord.

Prayers of the People

(prepared by Marcie Taylor)

One: Gracious God, through the Ten Commandments and your covenant with us, you have provided a map for our journey, a blueprint for our lives. You have called us to live before you and with one another in faithfulness. We long to fulfill the covenant, but in our humanness, we find that we are unable to live as you intend; we inflict harm on others, on our environment, and on ourselves. Our faltering grieves us, as it grieves you. Restore us to communion with you, with one another, and with all the earth. We pray,

All: help us to imitate Christ in all that we do.

One: We pray for the church around the world, for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; Chris, Simone, and Jarrett, our clergy; and Brian, Pastor of First United. We pray for people of all faiths, for those of no faith, and for those who are seeking. We pray,

All: help us to imitate Christ in our attempts to be Church, and in all our interactions with others of varying beliefs.

One: We pray for people who suffer from poverty, from violence of any sort, from neglect or abandon, from loneliness, from illness, and from despair. We give thanks for those who minister to, protect, and nurture the ones who have been harmed and who need special care. Especially during this time of pandemic, we give thanks for healthcare, frontline, transport, agricultural, and education personnel—all who sacrifice their own safety and comfort, in order to serve others. Let us be grateful to them, and hopeful for the future, due to their selfless efforts. We pray,

All: help us to imitate Christ in our attempts to respond to the suffering of others.

One: In our own community we pray for:

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)

One: and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . We pray,

All: **help us to imitate Christ in our attempts to be present to them in helpful ways.**

One: We remember those who have died, especially those whom we name silently and aloud We pray,

All: **help us to imitate Christ in our attempts to comfort those who mourn.**

One: We pray for healing and reconciliation wherever trust has been broken and harm has been done, wherever hostility has been present and misunderstanding has flourished, and wherever we have turned inward as a church rather than opening to others in welcome and love. We pray,

All: **help us to imitate Christ in our attempts to live our covenant relationship, as we have been called.**

One: We ask all of these things in the name of Christ, who comes to set us free.

All: **Amen.**

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

All: **And also with you.**

Hymn: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

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 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 you name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Let us go from here spiritually satisfied. Let us rejoice that in silence and in song we have praised God.

All: We will rejoice that in the challenge of hearing and reflecting on the Word we have praised God.

Officiant: Let us rejoice that in caring for our own and for those whose names we will never know we have praised God.

All: we will rejoice that in being ready to confront the exploiters you have praised God.

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 14th, 2021

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Please pray this week for

- those worshipping and ministering in the Parish of Huntley;
- those in our Pastoral Care: Pam Cross, Thelma Mills, Audrey McIntosh, and Fran Tippet; and
- the patients, doctors, nurses, and support staff of the Ottawa Hospital Civic Campus and the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Reader/Cantor: Dawn Conway

Intercessor: Marcie Taylor

Credits:

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

Collect from FWM Proposed Prayers 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	8:00 am	Corporation Meeting	Zoom
	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	6:00 pm	Mid-Lenten Virtual Dinner	Zoom
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	7:30 pm	Reading Circle	Zoom
Thursday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom
	5:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Diocesan Book Study	Zoom
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!

Mid-Lenten Virtual Dinner Gathering

Tuesday, March 9th, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Share in a simple dinner, pray, sing, and check in. Soup and bread will be available for pick-up at the Madison entrance to the Church, between 4:00 and 4:30 pm on March 9th. Please let Simone or Julie know, by **tonight (March 7th)**, whether this is of interest to you. Chris will send the Zoom link out closer to the date.

Reading Circle

Wednesday, March 10th, at 7:30 pm, via Zoom

If you wish to join the discussion, please contact the office. The book this month is *The Northwest is Our Mother: The Story of Louis Riel's People, the Metis Nation* by Jean Teillet

Diocesan-wide Book Study

Thursday, March 11th, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Join us for the last session of this book study. Even if you don't have the book, or haven't "attended" the first sessions, you are very welcome to join this informal, friendly study group. Email the office if you need the Zoom link.