

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH METCALFE, ON.
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Celebrant: We affirm that our parish lies on the unceded land of the Algonquin Ashanabie peoples.

People: **May we live together in harmony, peace and reconciliation.**

The Gathering of the Community

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

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: **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.**

Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: Lord God our Redeemer, who heard the cries of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word First Reading - A Reading From Jeremiah 31: 7-9

7 This is what the Lord says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations.

Make your praises heard, and say, 'Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

8 See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.

9 They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, **then were we like those who dream.**

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, **and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Then they said among the nations, "**The Lord has done great things for them.**"

The Lord has done great things for us, **and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, **like the watercourses of the Negev.**

Those who sowed with tears **will reap with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, **will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. HEBREWS 7:23-28

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ according to the blessed St. Mark

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."

So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. MARK 10:46-52

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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.**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Great God, you wrap us around with Love like a mighty gentle Mother, and you carry us like a strong and tender Father, setting us on our feet to be your free, mature and joy-filled daughters and sons.

Now in our weakness, we pray to you because we cannot come through life's troubles unscathed; and with souls and bodies stressed and strained, we cannot meet each others' needs without your Holy Spirit.

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

Leader: Great God, we come to you today with the Resurrected Christ who bore the weight of human flesh and blood to Calvary for your love's sake; and even now, as Conqueror of death, He pleads with you for all your suffering children.

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

Leader: We join our prayers to the prayers of Christ for those who we know who are suffering or ill or troubled especially Howard, Irene, Kirsten, Graham, Marjorie, Roy, Zachariah, Cheryl, Jeanette and their families, and for all your suffering children who are beyond our knowledge; we know that all are brought home to your heart in the prayers of Christ and in the silent intercessions of your Spirit, who comes from your deep heart into ours, and returns again to you with our deepest longings.

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

Heal us and help us, comfort and strengthen us, deepen our joy. Let our love reflect your mighty tenderness and serve your healing gentleness.

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

Eternal God, there is a great longing in the world, people are desperate because of the suffering they endure. Earth cries out for peace; oppressed people cry out for justice; women, men and children weep in sorrow and pain. How can we have any hope for the world unless you are with us? Through all the mystery of pain, sorrow and human vulnerability, we dare to believe that you are on our side and that your love for us is greater than ours for you or for each other. Call us then to prophesy!

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

By the lives that we live, by our patience and compassion, by our belief in the future which you will make for us, let the Church proclaim all the great things you are doing with hope for the nations of the world, for every person born and every living creature.

People: **Holy Spirit, come with healing power; Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.**

So, Living God, let praise begin here and now with us, welling up from our hearts, rising towards the skies, until praise fills the universe and joy is unconfined; as you delight in us and we delight in you, for evermore.

AMEN (from RE Worship 2005)

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for our upcoming Diocesan Synod (October 30, 2021) and our representatives Rev. Michael, Meredith Brophy and Laurie Brown.

We also pray for our Diocesan Events and Communications Coordinator, Heidi Fawcett, and for all retired clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sin, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: **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.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sin, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our lives and praise today be ready to follow you all the days of our lives; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile your earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, saints, patriarchs and matriarchs in every age to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe, we proclaim your glory, saying

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: Gracious God, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus the Christ to share your fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust and from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear to hear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew that death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying, "Take and eat; this is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks and said, "Drink this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for so many. Whenever you drink this, do this in remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love and to proclaim our faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you; this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love to all the world and be ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory is yours, Creator of all and we bless your holy name forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as Christ has gifted to his Church, so we pray,

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: "I am the bread which has come down from heaven."

People: **Give us this bread forever.**

Celebrant: "I am the Vine, you are the branches."

People: **May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

The Sharing Of The Gifts Of God

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: God our guide, you have fed with the bread of heaven as you fed the children of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all the days of our lives; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**

Celebrant: The blessing of God, the eternal good will of the Creator, the Shalom of the Peace-giver and the wildness and the warmth of our Loving Parent be among us and between us now and always.

Amen

Dismissal