

Holy Trinity Anglican Church Metcalfe
Third Sunday of Lent
SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER MARCH 3, 2024

Leader: Good morning and welcome to our service of Morning Prayer today.

Leader: The churches of our Diocese stand on the traditional territories of the Algonquin, Anishinaabe and Mohawk Peoples.

All: **May we dwell on these lands always with respect and peace.**

Leader: 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.**

Leader: Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together to praise you for your greatness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand at work in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All: **Most merciful God, 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**

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

All: **Amen**

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

All: **O come, let us worship**

Leader: Seated let us say the VENITE: Come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

All: **For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have moulded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our**

God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Reader: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

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. EXODUS 20:1-17

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Reader: Our psalm for this new day is Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork. One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.**

Reader: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.** Reader: In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.**

Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent. The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.**

Reader: The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than

much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.**

Reader: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

All: **The words of the Lord are spirit and life.** Reader: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Reader: A reading from The First Letter Of Paul To The Corinthians

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.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (JOHN 2:13-22)

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

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

All: **Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Gracious God, 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.

All: **Amen**

Reader: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy." For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world, we pray to you, Lord. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Diocese of Jerusalem and Archbishop Hosam Naoum. We pray for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Bishop Susan Johnson and Bishop Michael Pryse and The Parish of Pakenham and all who minister there. For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: In our parish family, we pray for Liesa, Richard, Deb, Leonard, Randy, Howard, Irene, Louise, Marjorie, Beth, Jeanette, Cheryl, Zachariah and those who are known to you alone. For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now as our Saviour Christ taught us, we are bold to say:

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.**

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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