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**Sunday, March 20, 2022, Third in Lent
Holy Eucharist, 10:30am, In-Person & Livestreamed**

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The Gathering of the Community

Announcements

The Sentence

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world. Give us living water, that we may not thirst.

Opening Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (vs 1&3) CP #565

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: Almighty God,

**People: 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do

not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Lay Reader: **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALM 63:1-8**

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and

lift up my hands in your name.
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**SECOND READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS
1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not

indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (vs 1&3 CP #606)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's
sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;

There is no place where earth's
failings
have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

LUKE 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam - fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn (cont'd): Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us (vs 2) CP #564

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,

thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Homily:

The Venerable Canon Judy Walton

The Apostles' Creed

Priest: 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

Francis Richardson

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and

invites them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

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.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in

all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer #5

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, and for

our life which comes from you. By
your power you sustain the
universe.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: You created us to
love you with all our heart, and to
love each other as ourselves, but we
rebel against you by the evil that we
do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring
healing to our world and gather us
into one great family. Therefore,
with all who serve you on earth and
in heaven, we praise your wonderful
name, as we sing (say),

**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: We give you thanks and
praise, loving Father, because in
sending Jesus, your Son, to us you
showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the
hungry. He suffers with the sick
and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not
strike back but overcame hatred
with love.
On the cross he defeated the power
of sin and death. By raising him
from the dead you show us the
power of your love to bring new life
to all your people.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on

these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Saviour Christ has 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.

The Breaking of Bread (#7)

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

Priest: The gifts of God for

the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord CP 531

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock
in whom I trust!"

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.

For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

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**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness,
may we who share this sacrament
live together in unity and peace,

in the name of Jesus Christ the
Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

All: Glory to God, 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

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

(We invite you to hold all on our list in your prayers for the coming week.)

The Diocese: We hold in our prayers the people and clergy of: Grace Church, Brantford; St. James Church, Brantford; St. Mark's Church, Brantford.

The Parish: We hold in our prayers: Katharine Kane, Hilary Dewar, Annabelle Doherty and their families as well as all those serving in the Canadian Armed Forces at home and overseas.

Intercessions: For healing and hope we hold up to God: Bob, Chris, Christian, Erin, Heather, Howie, Janet, Jason, Jenny, John, Kyle, Leslie, Mike, Paul, Ruth, Sandra, Tyler, Vicki, Wayne, and any others who are in need of our prayers.

The next service is Sunday, March 27 – Fourth in Lent. It will be in-house at 10:30am and if you prefer, you may watch live-streamed @ www.christchurchanglican.ca . Watch the eblast for details.

The readings are: Is 1:10-20; Ps 50:7-15; Mt 23:1-12

Announcements

1. Prayer Vigil for Peace in the Ukraine – TODAY, March 20th 6:00pm, here at Christ Church– see poster following. This is for the community. Come and join us!

+Holy Week+ Services

2. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of the services listed:

Sunday, April 10 @ 10:30am, The Service of The Liturgy of the Palms and Dramatic Reading of the Passion.

Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00pm, Maundy Thursday, Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Sanctuary.

Friday, April 15 @ 10:30am, Good Friday, Celebration of Our Lord's Passion with The Solemn Intercessions.

Saturday, April 16 @ 7:00pm, The Great Vigil of Easter, Service of Light, Renewal of Baptism Vows and Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, April 17 @ 10:30am, The Sunday of The Resurrection, Easter Day.

Be sure to mark these on your calendar!

3. The Community Meal program -- the next meal will be Tuesday, March 29th. If you know someone who could use a meal, please let us know by contacting the office at 519-538-1330 or Gilles at 519-505-6965. **Meals should be ordered by Friday noon prior to the Tuesday delivery day.**

4. Volunteers? Now that people are beginning to return to worship in the church, we would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to **join the choir, the readers' schedule, to learn and take their turn in doing the audio/video on Sunday.** We would also like to have **more greeters to take their turn.** Please call the office or speak to Archd'n Judy, Rev'd Gilles or one of the wardens, Trudy, Donna, Norma or John.

5. Pastoral Care For urgent matters, please phone Ven. Judy Walton, Priest-in-charge 705-444-0233 or Rev'd Gilles Hache, Deacon Assistant at 519-505-6965. They will respond as quickly as possible. You may also contact them by email. Judy's email is revjudy@rogers.com. Gilles' is gilleshache@diohuron.org. For non-urgent matters, questions, or concerning other ministries, please call the office 519-538-1330.

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