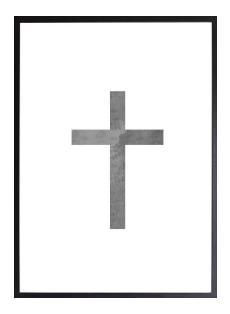
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Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17th, 2024 - 10:30am

Bishop of Toronto: The Most Rev. Andrew Asbil Area Bishop of York-Credit Valley: The Rt Rev. Kevin Robertson Incumbent of St. Hilary's: The Rev. Adrienne Clements

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

Processional Hymn Lift High the Cross • Common Praise 602

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name!

Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout! If we are silent, even stones cry out. *Refrain*:

Jesus, you wept to see our human strife: teach us compassion for each human life. *Refrain*:

Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme: let peace be our passport, peace a living dream. *Refrain*:

Great is the cost of walking on this road, to follow and suffer with the Son of God. *Refrain*:

Worlds to be born and children yet to be, come, take up this song into eternity. *Refrain*:



Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us: for we have sin-ned a - gainst thee.

Cantor

Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

All sing the refrain

The Apostolic Greeting

Celebrant 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.

Collect for Purity

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.

Trisagion

All Holy God,

holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Most merciful God,

by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew.

May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

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.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22

Said responsively by half verse

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;

therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;

let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

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.

Hebrews 5:5-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Please rise, as you are able, for the Gospel procession.

Gradual Hymn God, Whose Giving Knows • Verses 1 & 2 • CP 601 God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store – nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door – gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious Donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Lector The Lord be with you All And also with you.

Lector The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According

to John

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. John 12:20-33

Lector The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn God Whose Giving Knows • Verse 3 • CP 601

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred, ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Sermon

Choral Anthem

Lead Me Lord

Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

Leader Lord in your mercy. ΑII Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins.

confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

ΑII 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 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.

ΑII Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ΑII And also with you.

You are invited to exchange a sign of God's peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn Dear Lord, We Long to See Your Face • CP 516

Dear Lord, we long to see your face, to know you risen from the grave, but we have missed the joy and grace of seeing you, as others have; yet in your company we'll wait, and we shall see you, soon or late.

Dear Friend, we do not know the way, nor clearly see the path ahead; so often, therefore, we delay and doubt your power to raise the dead; yet we with you will firmly stay – you are the truth, the life, the way.

We find it hard, Lord, to believe. Long habit makes us want to prove: to see, to touch, and thus perceive the truth and person whom we love; yet when in fellowship we meet, you come yourself, each one to greet.

You come to us, our God, our Lord. You do not show your hands and side, but give, instead, your best reward as in your promise we abide. By faith we know and grow and wait to see and praise you, soon or late.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Eternal God,

your only Son suffered death upon the cross

to bring the world salvation.

Accept the praise and thanksgiving

we offer you this day,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer No. 3

Celebrant The Lord be with you. And also with you. People

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 Blessed are you, Gracious God,

creator of heaven and earth,

because you bid your faithful people

to cleanse their hearts and to prepare with joy for the Pascal feast; that reborn through the waters of Baptism and renewed in the eucharistic mystery, we may be more fervent in prayer and more generous in the works of love.

Therefore, we raise our voices to you in praise

All



Celebrant

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus vour Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil. and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All we remember his death,

we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation. the head of the Church. and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All



Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body, once broken.

Celebrant Let your church be the wheat

which bares 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.

Celebrant The gifts of God for you, the holy people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei All



Sharing of Communion

All who seek to serve Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of bread and wine as a reminder of your baptism, or you may come forward for a blessing.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Communion Hymn

Break thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I see Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living word.

Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me, Thy holy Word the truth That saveth me; Give me to ear and live With thee above; Teach me to love Thy truth, For Thou art Love.

Oh, send Thy Spirit, Lord,
Now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes,
And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed
Within Thy Word,
And in Thy Book revealed
I see the Lord.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee, Then Shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall, All I shall find my peace, My All in All.

Going Out into the World

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Merciful God,

you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Doxology

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.

Announcements

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might • CP 503

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes and seek his face. Life with its path before us lies; Christ is the way and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; his boundless mercy will provide; trust, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near; he changeth not and thou art dear. Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.

Dismissal

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

Aumbry Candle

This week, the Aumbry Candle burns in memory of Helen & Ted Granger.

Ministering Today

Lay Reader Lynda Dundas
Lector Lucy Filippone

Chancel Guild Olwen Davies' Team

Organist Keith Scott

Soloist Arwen Kamateros

This Week at St Hilary's

Wednesday 10:00am Bible Study

11:00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 10:00am Food Cupboard

Palm Sunday 8:30am Said Eucharist

10:30am Sung Eucharist

11:30am Quiche & Salad Lunch

Easter Memorial Flowers

If you wish to make a donation for Easter Memorial Flowers, please use the small brown envelopes in the pews.

Our Acknowledgement of Shared Land

St Hilary's Church is located on the historical territory of the Wendat, Seneca, and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations. The territory is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peacefully share and care for the lands and resources around the Great Lakes. Today the Greater Toronto Area is the home of many indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to worship in this territory.

Easter Services at St Hilary's



Sunday, March 24th 8:30 & 10:30am | Palm Sunday

> Thursday, March 28th 7pm | Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29th 11am | Good Friday

Saturday, March 30th 8pm | Holy Saturday

Sunday, March 31st 8:30 & 10:30am | Easter Sunday



Youth Corner

John 12: 20 - 33

"God, sometimes it is hard to understand your ways. Be with us as we seek to know you more. Amen. "

An acorn has to "stop" being an acorn so that it can grow into an oak tree, doesn't it? This a lot like the story we heard Jesus tell in today's scripture passage. In the story, Jesus tells the disciples about a grain of wheat. He tells them that that grain of wheat can't do what it is supposed to do -- which is grow into a plant -- unless it stops being a grain of wheat. Jesus says that it's like the grain of wheat died.

Now, this *is* a sad thing, that the grain of wheat has to die. But, living as a plant sounds much better than living as a tiny grain, as a seed. The plant can offer things the seed can't, like shelter, shade, and food. It can even grow more seeds – just like an oak tree grows more acorns.

The reason Jesus is talking to the disciples about a grain of wheat dying so that it can become a plant is because Jesus knows that he will soon stop being Jesus in the way his disciples know him. Jesus knows he's going to die and then be resurrected. But once he's resurrected, he's going to be different.

Jesus wants his disciples to think about his life, death, and resurrection in the same way they would think about a seed turning into a plant. He wants them to know that his resurrected life will be like a plant that keeps growing and has new seeds. Which is what his disciples will become – seeds that are part of his new life. Seeds that will share God's love and healing just like Jesus did. And, if we choose to accept Jesus' invitation to follow him, then we, too, can be seeds that are part of Jesus' new and better life that we can then share with others.

"Dear Lord, thank you for bringing your people out of Egypt and providing for their needs. Help me to open my eyes to the blessings you send me and to always find gratitude. Amen. "

(Adapted from: rfour.org and Episcopal Church Lessons that Work)

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