

Service of the Word for All Saints Christ Church St Andrews St Augustine of Canterbury And St James Anglican Churches

Welcome

Call to Worship

O mortal, cane these bones live? **Only the Lord God knows.**

O people, hope in the Lord.

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Opening Hymn CP 474 Jesus Wher'er thy People Meet

- 1. Jesus, wher e'er thy people meet, there they behold thy mercy seat; where'er they seek thee thou art found, and every place is hallowed ground.
- 2. Here may we prove the power of prayer to strengthen faith and sweeten care, to teach our faint desires to rise, and bring all heaven before our eyes.
- 3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near, nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear; oh rend the heavens, come quickly down and make a thousand hearts thine own.

Confession

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

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.

Absolution

Collect for Lent V

The Proclamation of God's Word

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 37.1-14

Psalm 130 – BAS pg 888

New Testament Lesson Romans 8.6-11

Gradual Hymn - These are the Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Refrain:

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, Shining like the sun at the trumpet call, Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

Refrain:

There's no God like Jehovah.

Refrain:

The Holy Gospel John 11.1-45

Homily

Reflection Hymn 631

- The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy
 - 1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy, For Jesus restores what sin would destroy. God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and here after the kingdom shall grow.
 - 2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
 The captives are freed, the sinners find place.
 The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share,
 And hope is awakened in place of despair.
 - 3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice: Believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, Our crisis of judgement for gain and for loss.
 - 4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Prayers of the People

L: Let us pray to God, the giver of life in this world and in his eternal Kingdom saying, We look to the cross: responding with and see your love for us. Break through our sloth and indifference ... Give us power to proclaim Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life.

We look to the cross:

All: and see your love for us.

L: Bless the wilderness places of the world, where the springs of hope have become dry ... Heal with your life-giving Spirit all who are weighed down by the burden of materialism.

We look to the cross:

All: and see your love for us.

L: Lead us, our families and friends, in the way of true righteousness ... Give us lives more joyful in the assurance of sins forgiven. We look to the cross:

and see your love for us. All:

L: Comfort those who mourn, so that they may know that death is not the end ... Give the Spirit of life to those whose spirits are broken by sorrow.

We look to the cross:

and see your love for us. All:

L: Confident in the promise that those who believe in Jesus Christ will live though they are dead, we give thanks for all who have left their earthly body and entered into the greater life of the Spirit.

We look to the cross:

and see your love for us. All:

L: We make our prayers in the name of Christ who has raised us from the death of sin to eternal life.

All: Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord of all power and mercy, we beseech thee to assist with thy favour the Prime Minister of this country, and the Premiers of the Provinces. Cause them, we pray thee, to walk before thee in truth and righteousness, and to fulfil their office to thy glory and the public good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, send forth, we beseech thee, upon thy servants who bear office in this city [or town, or village, or municipality] the spirit of prudence, charity, and justice; that they may in all things walk before thee with steadfast purpose and a single heart, and faithfully serve in their several offices; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Protect and prosper, O Lord, all those who labour at tasks of danger and difficulty especially all those working in health care at all levels and those working to maintain our food supplies, that they may be preserved in safety and health; and grant that, knowing the dangers which beset them, they may ever take thought one for another, and be sustained by a sure trust in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who art afflicted in the afflictions of thy people: Regard with thy tender compassion those in anxiety and distress; bear their sorrows and their cares; supply all their manifold needs; and help both them and us to put our whole trust and confidence in thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In gratitude, O God, we come into your presence, into your house. For all that you have done for us, most especially, for bringing us into the light of Jesus Christ, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as children of light, doing what is pleasing to you and bearing the fruit of the light through Jesus Christ, who awakens those who sleep, and raises those who are dead to new life. In his name we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, 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.

Blessing

May the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life, bless and keep you in this life and the life to come.

Announcements

Closing Hymn CP 560 - God Whose Almighty Word

God, whose almighty Word Chaos and darkness heard, And took their flight: Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!

Saviour, who came to bring On your redeeming wing Healing and sight, Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind: Now for all human kind, Let there be light! Spirit of truth and love, Life giving holy Dove, Speed on your flight! Move on the water's face Bearing the lamp of grace, And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!

Gracious and holy Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride: through the world far and wide let there be light!

Dismissal

Announcements -

Join us each week as long as we are needing to worship in this form. We will be here each week to offer worship leadership.

Please watch your emails and Facebook for updates going forward. Each parish will communicate changes as we move through this challenging time.

Please be in touch with your priest should you need pastoral care. While we need to be mindful of space and contact, we are all still available to offer support during this time.

Remember to be in touch with your church family via phone during this time. We all need each other and isolation can be as harmful as an illness.

Your continued financial support remains needed so that the church can continue it's ministry in the wider world. Please mail your contributions to the church, get signed up for pre-authorized givings, or visit the Canada Helps Page for your parish:

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Your feedback on worship today and in the coming weeks is welcome. Please connect with us with your constructive feedback.