

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MARCH 14, 2021

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Welcome

A warm welcome to Christ Church Cathedral and a special welcome to you if you are with us for the first time. Our community has worshipped at the heart of Montreal on Ste-Catherine Street since the 1860s; today, we are worshiping on-line to gather our community at this time of COVID-19.

In all circumstances, we continue to live out a vision of a church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all. We seek transformation not only of ourselves as individuals growing in faith, but also of unjust structures of society.

God is love, whoever lives in love, lives in God, and God in them. | John 4:16

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We gather today on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka (Mohawk), at a place called Tio'tia:ke (Montreal), a meeting place for many First Nations.

Our acknowledgement stands as a promise to continue the ongoing work of recognition and reconciliation.



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THE ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Minister shall read aloud one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
Psalms 51. 17.

Priest Today marks the one-year anniversary of the Covid shutdown in Montreal. Before we worship, let us take some time in silence to offer ourselves and this year to God:

For all the plans we made, but could not live.

For all the people we love, but could not see.

For all the people we knew, who are no more.

For the hard, heart-breaking work of all who cared for the sick and the dying.

For the skill and passion of those who raced to develop medicines and vaccines.

For the technologies which allowed us to accompany one another, even from isolation.

For the kind words and gestures which sustained us.

For the ways that this time has opened our eyes to the suffering around us, and inspired our work for justice.

For the transformations which you, O God, have worked in our hearts.

For the world which you, O God, are bringing to birth.

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing and forgiveness, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life.

All **Amen.**

The Minister, turning to the people, shall say the Exhortation in the form following.

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Minister.

All **Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a
godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips;
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Minister O God, make speed to save us;
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Minister Praise ye the Lord;
People **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Then shall be said or sung this Psalm following:

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO. Psalm 95

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord: /
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, /
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, /
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are all the corners of the earth: /
and the strength of the hills is his also.**

**The sea is his, and he made it: /
and his hands prepared the dry land.**

**O come, let us worship, and fall down, /
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God; /
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, /
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, /
world without end. Amen.**

THE PSALMS

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 **Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 **Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 **Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTUS

Minister Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

All **for he hath visited, and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,
that he would grant us
That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him,
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God;
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

And after the Creed these prayers following:

Minister The Lord be with you;

People **And with thy spirit.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Then the Priest shall say:

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest ○ Lord, save the Queen;

People **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest ○ Lord, save thy people;

People **And bless thine inheritance.**

Priest Give peace in our time, ○ Lord;

People **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Priest ○ God, make clean our hearts within us;

People **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

together with any other Collects appointed to be said, and these two prayers in order.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who liveth and reigneth with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace.

We invite your prayers for international and domestic areas of tension.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

We invite your prayers for matters which require spiritual healing or forgiveness.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Queen and the Commonwealth.

We invite your prayers for the leaders of the world and the health of society.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, and all who are set in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy Name, and the good of thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

We invite your prayers for the church and for all people of faith.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Intercessions of the day

We invite your prayers for the sick, those in need, the dying, and the concerns of your heart.

Thanksgivings

We invite your prayers of gratitude for blessings in your life or in the world.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

All **Almighty God,**
who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14.

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

WEEKDAY PRAYERS	PRIÈRES DE LA SEMAINE
Monday / Lundi	
9h15 Morning Prayer and fellowship / Prière du matin et conversation https://zoom.us/j/688446062?pwd=eEthdVWcyRUhxaVE0YkjqQkNyR3R3Zz09 Meeting ID: 688 446 062 Password: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799	
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19h Prières du soir avec discussion sur la Bible / 7pm Evening prayer with Scripture discussion (fr) https://zoom.us/j/535719868?pwd=SHYxSUpoSDhNZTI2M3hUa2lxYIBSUT09 Meeting ID: 535 719 868 Password: 1857 Tel: (438) 809 7799	

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