

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
March 23, 2025      The Third Sunday in Lent

Announcements

The Gathering of the Community

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.

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

Ho - - - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,  
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us. *repeat three times*

**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.

Kids Talk

Kids Song: The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The stead-fast love of the Lord ne-ver cea - ses, His mer-cies ne - ver  
come to an end. — They are new ev-'rv morn-ing, new ev 'rv morn-ing, great is Thy  
faith - ful - ness, O Lord; great is Thy faith - ful - ness. —

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

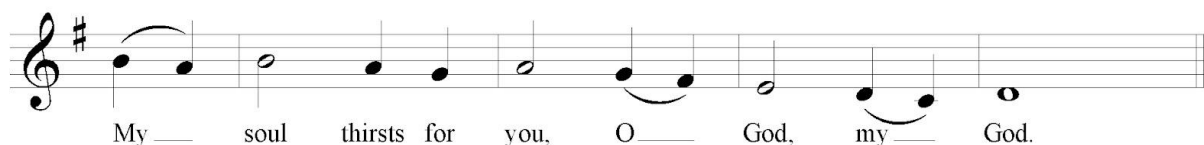
### A reading from Isaiah 55:1-9

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

**R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

## A reading from 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.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Lenten Prose:

Antiphon



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

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Luke 13:1-9**

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

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."

This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Danielle Key

### **The Apostles' Creed:**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say, **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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Response to each intercession:*

Lord, in your mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our faults in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour. (*Silence to recount our sins.*)

Most merciful God,

All: **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.**

May 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. Amen

### **The Peace** (*Please stand*)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn # 498 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

**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.**

### Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. People **Amen**.

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing...

Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your  
will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread, For -  
give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the  
pow'r and the glor - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

### The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread,

**All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

The gifts of God for you, the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

### Fraction Anthem: Hymn #50, verses 1 & 3

1. Now, my tongue, the mystery telling,  
Of the glorious body sing,  
And the blood, all price excelling,  
Which the nations' Lord and King,  
Once on earth among us dwelling,  
Shed for this world's ransoming.

3. Word made flesh, by word he maketh,  
Very bread his flesh to be,  
Wine his blood for whoso taketh;  
And if senses fail to see,  
Faith alone the true heart waketh  
To behold the mystery.

### Communion Hymn # 43 From All the Wind's Wide Quarters

#### Anthem: Like as the Hart - Howells

#### 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.**

#### The Doxology

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.

#### The Blessing

### Recessional Hymn # 606 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy

Let us bless the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.