

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH  
March 30, 2025      The Fourth 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:** Creator of all, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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 Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32



You sur-round me with shouts of de - liv - erance, O Lord.

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **R**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **R** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **R**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **R**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **R**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **R**

### A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since

God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11B-32**

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to

go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him! 'Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is the Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Rob 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 # 451 King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ 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.

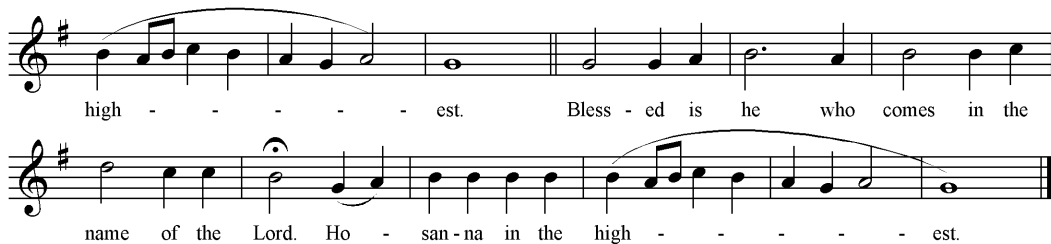
**All:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

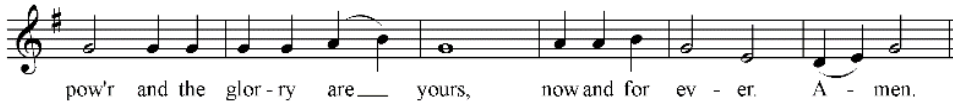
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory 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, halloved 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



### 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 # 511 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

**Anthem: Blessed are the Pure in Heart - Walford Davies**

### Prayer after Communion:

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through 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 # 631 The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

Let us bless the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God.**