



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL OTTAWA

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SAINT JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

March 19th, 2021

9 pm Compline (Live-streamed)

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 105:1-11

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvellous works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face. Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. He is the Lord our God; his judgements prevail in all the world. He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations: The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac, Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel, Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."

Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of

Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;

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For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth;

I commend my spirit.

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

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Office Hymn

Te lucis ante terminum

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

*O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

Keep us as the apple of thine eye;
Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

Nunc Dimittis with Antiphon

Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

Preserve us, O Lord, waking, and guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

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.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of our ancestors;

To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;

To be praised and glorified above all for ever.

The Almighty and most merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

We confess to God Almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us;

That thy people may rejoice in thee?

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

And grant us thy salvation.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this night without sin;

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear our prayer;

And let our cry come unto thee.

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, from the family of your servant David you raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son. Give us grace to follow him in faithful obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who at this evening hour didst rest in the sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to thy people: Make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of thy passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust, our souls may live with thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Look down, O Lord, from thy heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with thy celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

Christe, qui lux es et dies

*O Christ, who art the light and day,
Thou drivest night and gloom away;
O Light of Light, whose word doth show
The light of heav'n to us below.*

*All-holy Lord, in humble prayer
We ask tonight thy watchful care.
O grant us calm repose in thee,
A quiet night, from perils free.*

*Asleep though wearied eyes may be,
Still keep the heart awake to thee;
Let thy right hand outstretched above
Guard those who serve the Lord they love.*

*All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore. Amen.*

We will lay us down in peace and take our rest;
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

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SAINT JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Today we honour Saint Joseph, the carpenter of Nazareth who was husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph comes to us in the opening chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Both evangelists present him as a truly righteous man who observed the Law of Moses in all his dealings. According to Matthew, Joseph's godliness in keeping the Law made him hesitate to take Mary as his wife, when he learned that she was already pregnant. His reluctance was overcome by the vision of an angel, who told him that the child in the womb of his betrothed was to be the Saviour of Israel. This episode suggested that righteousness under the Law of Moses was to be fulfilled and surpassed by the coming of Christ; and Joseph's obedience to the angelic vision revealed the true fulfillment of his own godliness as a Jew. Both evangelists make Joseph a descendent of the royal house of David, though in his day the fact that he followed a trade meant that his branch of the family had become impoverished. Still, Joseph's genealogy entitled Jesus to be considered heir of David and rightful bearer of the title, "King of the Jews." In the

popular literature of the Middle Ages, Joseph was often portrayed as a comical old man befuddled by God and the Blessed Virgin. A number of influential spiritual leaders reacted against this portrayal, and well before the sixteenth century the figure of Joseph had regained both dignity and the serious devotion of the faithful. The Roman Catholic Church has consistently fostered this trend ever since, and in this century even appointed the First of May as the feast of Joseph the Worker. He is considered the patron saint not only of carpenters but also of all who make their living and provide for their families by means of manual labour.

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