



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022
10:30 am

Prelude *Stephane Potvin*

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

As we worship this day, we give thanks for the beauty of God's creation. We stand here on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Attawandron and Haudenosaunee people, the Dish with One Spoon Covenant and Huron Tract Treaty. With open hearts, let us pray together:

**Almighty God,
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.**

Hymn: # 434—The love of Jesus calls us (vs 1, 4)

The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing;
Our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,
For all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,
And for the generations who faithfully believed.

The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days,
To be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways;
That God with men and women may so transform the earth,
That love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth.

Dear friends in Christ,
let us confess our sins:

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from
all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep
you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peal of Bells

Peter Ryde

First Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Mark Allwood

Psalm 32

32:1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

32:2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

32:3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

32:4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

32:5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

32:6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

32:7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

32:8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

32:9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

32:10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

32:11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Hymn #179 *Tree of Life (vs 1, 6e)*

Tree of life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
Make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
As your gospel shining bright,
As your gospel shining bright.

The Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Rev. Canon Tom Patterson

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

At the conclusion of the Gospel:
The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily *Louise McColl*

Hymn # 400—What wondrous love is this (vs 1, 4)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

And When from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And When from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And When from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Let us say together:

**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 commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater
than these.**

Prayers of the People

Jane Whittemore

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

Hymn # 611—Our Father we have wandered (vs 1, 2)

Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;
In foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,
As, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
Behold us Lord returning with hope and trust to you.

In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us with feast and robe and ring.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers into one let us pray as our saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day (*Lent 4*)

Almighty God,
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.

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord
 be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Doxology

Glory to God, 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

Closing Hymn # 628—O love how deep (vs 2, 5)

God sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame
For us, and to this lost world came.

For us, by wickedness betrayed,
Scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us at length gave up his breath.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Stephane Potvin*

Pastoral Needs: The Rev. Canon Lorne Mitchell 519-503-6791

If you would like to attend in person Sunday April 3, please register by calling:

Nancy McCallum at 519-273-0297 or email at nancy.mccallum2020@outlook.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

Starting April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday,

There is no longer any need to register for in person worship!

Recycle Your Masks at Church

Disposable masks (such as medical and N95 masks) have been invaluable in the fight against COVID-19, BUT they've become a HUGE waste disposal problem. **Rotary** now is collecting masks to be sent to a company in K-W that recycles them.

We've put a collection bin in the narthex where you can bring your used masks.

Note that this is for disposable masks only - no cloth masks, face shields or mask filters. If you bring your masks in a bag, please empty the bag into the bin, and take the bag away with you.

- Tom Patterson