

# March 26th, 2023

"This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it"

# Healing Sunday Anointing and Holy Communion 10:00 am

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome!

We hope you feel at home.

# The Gathering of the Community

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

# The Collect of the Day

# The Proclamation of the Word

# A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

(Romans 8: 6-11)

**Reader:** The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Gospel Proclamation Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gradual: "Jesus, Remember Me" Blue 634

**Gospeler:** The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

**Gospeler:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.** 

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

(John 11: 1-45)

**Gospeler:** The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual: "Jesus, Remember Me" Blue 634

**Reflection:** Rev Michelle Jones

# Litany of Healing

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being. **We praise and bless you, Lord.** 

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers...(petitions can be made silently or out loud) **Hear us, Lord of life.** 

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. We remember today the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Philippines, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Malawi, Iran, Turkey and Syria **Hear us, Lord of life.** 

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, Lord, is the well of life and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life: heal us, and make us whole. Let us pray.

(A period of silent prayer and reflection.)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# Commissioning of Cosette Pathak to the Ministry of Lay Anointing

The Rev. Michelle (Supervising Priest): Today we ask God to bless and uphold the Healing ministry of Lay anointing at St. James Caledon East as we commission Cosette Pathak in this ministry. Cosette has undertaken all necessary training and has been granted a license by the Bishop to perform the ministry of lay anointing.

We are all given gifts of the Spirit for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to commission and recognize and affirm Cosette's ministry of lay anointing for which she has offered herself.

I ask you Cosette to affirm your call to the Healing ministry of lay anointing. Will you carry out your responsibilities with the utmost care and reverence?

Cosette: I will

Will you work faithfully as a servant of God, serving as a Lay Anointer in the parish of St. James Caledon East?

Cosette: I will

Cosette, I present to you this certificate from Bishop Riscylla Shaw licensing you to be a lay anointer in St. James Caledon East.

I ask all present to confirm that you will prayerfully uphold Cosette in her ministry.

Congregation: We will

Cosette, we present to you this oil stock as a symbol of the Healing ministry. Accept this on behalf of our community to be a lay anointer here in St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East. We bring our gratitude and prayers together for your ministry. May God enable and uphold you in this ministry.

**Cosette:** May this oil stock be a sign of the Healing Ministry we share together.

Amen.

Cosette, may you know God's blessing as you begin your new journey in a healing ministry. We pray your ministry of lay anointing will be fruitful, joyful and a journey in the light of God's love. We pray in the enfolding of the triune God. **Amen.** 

# **Anointing**

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom. Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

(People come forward for anointing)

The Peace Please stand

Offertory Hymn: "Revive Thy Work, O Lord" Blue 454

# Celebration of the Eucharist

**Prayer over the Gifts** 

Eucharistic Prayer # 4 Green 201

#### Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. The Lord's Prayer

Green 211

Breaking of the Bread # 7

Green

213

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us your peace.

# The Communion of the People

**Communion Hymns** 

"O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near"

Blue 52

"Now the Silence"

Blue 53

**Prayer after Communion** 

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**Doxology** Green 214

# **Blessing**

May God the holy and undivided Trinity preserve you in body, mind and spirit, and bring you safe to that heavenly country where peace and harmony reign; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

#### **Announcements**

# Closing Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Blue 306

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Announcements**

- **Holy Week** Readers are needed for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Please let Lori know if you will be willing to lend your voice.
- Palm Cross making Saturday April 1st @ 10 am in the Gathering Space.
- **Be Still for Lent, five week Lenten series.** Explore the simple, transformative practice of a daily quiet time with God. Sunday evenings @ 7:00 pm on Zoom or in person Wednesday @ 11:00 am.
- Wednesday Mid-day Eucharist @ noon. Bring a bag lunch.
- **Candles at 6** Wednesday evenings 6-7pm. The sanctuary is open for private prayer.
- Prayers at the End of the Day Facebook live Thursday nights at 9:00pm.
- Lectio Divina continues on Fridays at 10:00 am on Zoom.
- Please sign up to help with Coffee Hour. See the April, May and June, sign up sheet on the office bulletin board.

# Please remember in your prayers this week:

**World:** People of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Philippines, Yemen, Israel, Palestine, Malawi, Iran, Turkey and Syria

North Peel Deanery: The Rev. Jeff Stone and the people of St. Jude's, Bramalea

**St. James Cycle of Prayer:** George and Linda Berney, Stan and Debbie Cameron, James and Brenda Cassell and their families. We also pray for the Hall family and the Mercer family as they prepare for baptism.

**Those in need:** Anne, Ross & Joan, Lois, George, Monica, Ethel, Lionel and Katerina.



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