



March 26, 2023

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

EVENING PRAYER

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria

We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

Assisting with tonight's Liturgy

Officiant: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Reader: Bob MacDonald

Welcomer: Judith Reid

Videographer: Karen Coverett

A note about language

In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand at the entrance of the clergy. The officiant gives a short welcome.

Opening Song

O gracious light: Please refer to the Blue Common Praise hymnbook, number 751

O Gracious Light (*Phos hilaron*) 751

Evening Prayer DIVINE OFFICE

Unison

1 O gra-cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev - er - liv - ing Fa-ther in heaven,
O Je - sus Christ, ho - ly and bless - ed! 2 Now as we come to the set-ting
of the sun, and our eyes be-hold the ves-per light, we sing your prais-es, O God:
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. 3 You are wor-thy at all times to be
praised by hap - py voic - es, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,
and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

May be sung unaccompanied with a few voices humming D as a drone throughout.

Music: George Black (1931-) ©.

The Invitatory

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please be seated to join in the singing of the psalm, following the cantor's lead.

Psalm

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1 I will exalt you, O GOD, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
2 O GOD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.
3 You brought me up, O GOD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going
down to the grave.
4 Sing to GOD, you servants of GOD; * give thanks for the remembrance of GOD's
holiness.
5 For GOD's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * GOD's favor for a
lifetime.
6 Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.
7 While I felt secure, I said, I shall never be disturbed. *
You, GOD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
8 Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.
9 I cried to you, O GOD; * I pleaded with the Sovereign One, saying,
10 "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise
you or declare your faithfulness?
11 Hear, O GOD, and have mercy upon me; * O GOD, be my helper."
12 You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and
clothed me with joy.
13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O GOD my God, I will give
you thanks for ever
Glory to the Father, and to the Son * and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject for ever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

After the reading, please stand to sing:

Magnificat

Canticle of the Turning

Verses



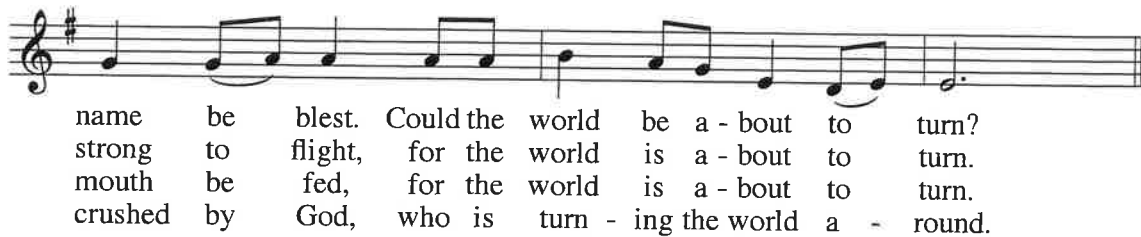
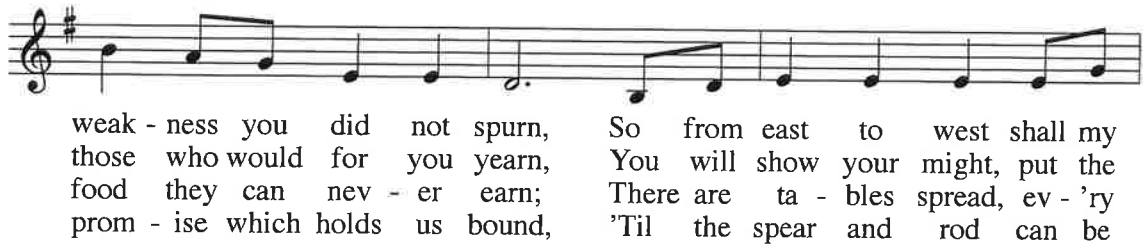
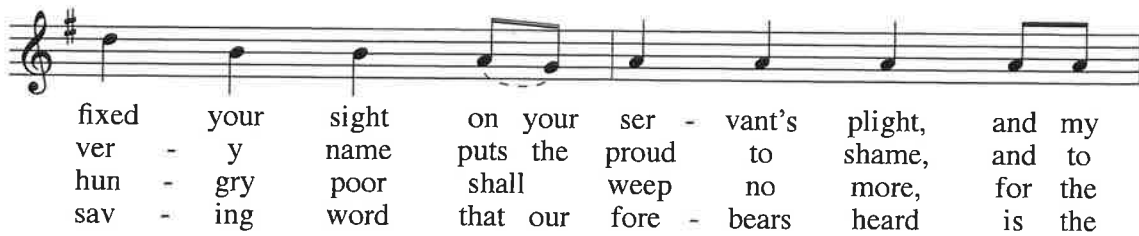
1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



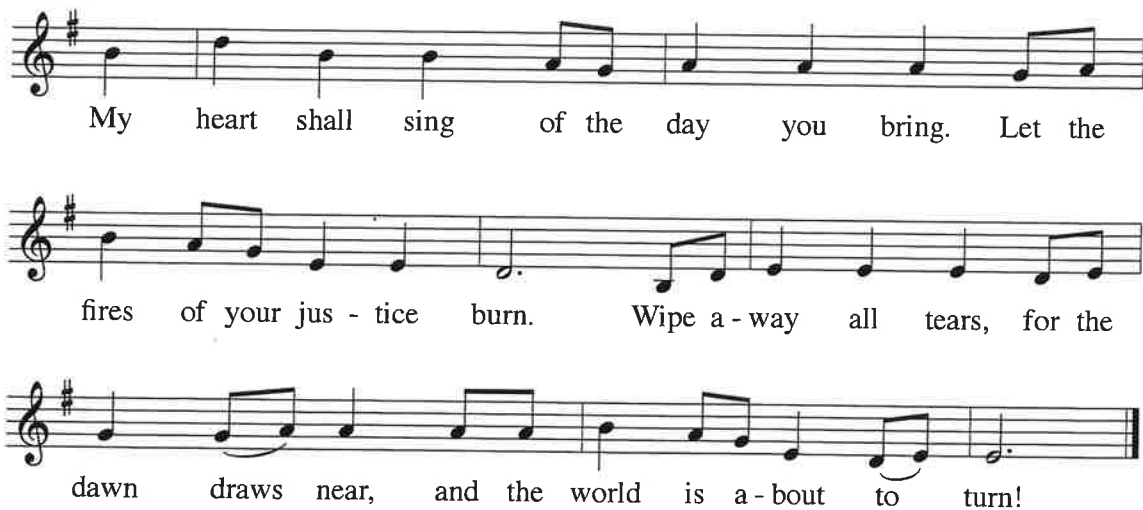
God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



Refrain



Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952
Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952
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Second Reading Matthew 20:17-end

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside by themselves, and said to them on the way, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised.'

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.'

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!' The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!' Jesus stood still and called them, saying, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let our eyes be opened.' Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

After the reading, please stand to sing the Nunc Dimittis. Music may be found in the blue Common Praise hymnbook at number 266:

Nunc Dimittis

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| 1. Lord, let your servant go in peace: | 2. My eyes have seen salvation's dawn: |
| your promises have been fulfilled; | the Sun of life ascending bright; |
| your saving power has been displayed | your people's glory evermore, |
| before the face of all the world. | the nations' everlasting light. |

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Music: SONG 34, Melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt. .

Apostles' Creed

All: I BELIEVE 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.

Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: 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 for ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

1st Collect, of the day: T.E.C.

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death
on this, our resurrection day:
make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide
to step into your future alive and unashamed;
through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

2nd Collect, for Peace:

MOST HOLY GOD, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just
works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that
our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered
from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies
of Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

3rd Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:

BE OUR LIGHT in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all
perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Song

Trisagion 707

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The first system contains the lyrics "Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty," and the second system contains "ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy up - on us." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the second system.

Best when sung unaccompanied. May be sung three times.

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Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.

Intercessions

Please stand to sing:

Song

A Dm A SUS A Dm C F C Dm A Dm

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God. My

fine

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Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand to sing:

Song

Ostinato Chorale

Stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then

stay with us, O Lord Je-sus Christ, light in our dark-ness.

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