

Christ Church
Cathedral
Ottawa

Patrick, Bishop in Ireland

Sunday | March 15th | 2026

4 pm | Choral Evensong | BCP

Welcome

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Our diocese was founded on the homeland of the Anishinaabe Algonquins.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Patrick, Bishop in Ireland

Today we honour Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who brought Christianity to the northern tribes of that country in the early fifth century.

A native of Cornwall or Devon, he was kidnapped by Irish pirates who sold him into slavery in their homeland. Six years later he fled his Irish masters, returned to Britain, and was eventually ordained to the priesthood. He had a vision that he would return to the land of his former captivity, and around the year 438 the vision came true. He was made a bishop and given charge over the mission to the Irish.

Despite his chronic sense of personal unworthiness, Patrick proved to be an effective organizer, and his mission quickly evolved into a vibrant institution. He also encouraged the growth of Irish monasticism, and within a few generations of his death monks and nuns had replaced warriors as the heroes of the Irish people.

The great hymn called “St. Patrick’s Breastplate” was probably not composed by him, but it does reflect the kind of Christian spirituality which he planted in the heart of the Irish nation—a spirituality deeply penitential, but still more deeply alive to the sustaining presence of Jesus Christ.

Choral Evensong

Prelude

Opening Sentence | *Ephesians 2:17-18*

Christ came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Versicles and Responses | *BCP p20 | Bernard Rose*

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm | 131

O Lord, I am not proud; I have no haughty looks. I do not occupy myself with great matters, or with things that are too hard for me. But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; my soul is quieted within me. O Israel, wait upon the Lord, from this time forth for evermore.

First Lesson | *2 Corinthians 12:14-16, 10*

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Here I am, ready to come to you this third time. And I will not be a burden, because I do not want what is yours but you; for children ought not to lay up for their parents, but parents for their children. I will most gladly spend and be spent for you. If I love you more, am I to be loved less? Let it be assumed that I did not burden you. Nevertheless (you say) since I was crafty, I took you in by deceit. Therefore I am content with

weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Office Hymn 505 | *Be thou my vision*

Magnificat | *Service in E* | *Charles Wood*

Second Lesson | *Matthew 5:43-48*

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Here endeth the Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis | *Service in E* | *Charles Wood*

Apostles' Creed | *BCP p22*

I believe

in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Lesser Litany | *BCP p23*

Cantor The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer | *BCP p23*

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Versicles and Responses | *BCP p23*

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir And evermore mightily defend us.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

O God, we thank you for Patrick, whom you took into your service, to bring within the freedom of your household those who once enslaved him. Encourage us through his example, that we may know your power made perfect in our weakness, and delight in serving others for the sake of him who became servant of all, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lenten Collect

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second and Third Collects | BCP p24

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

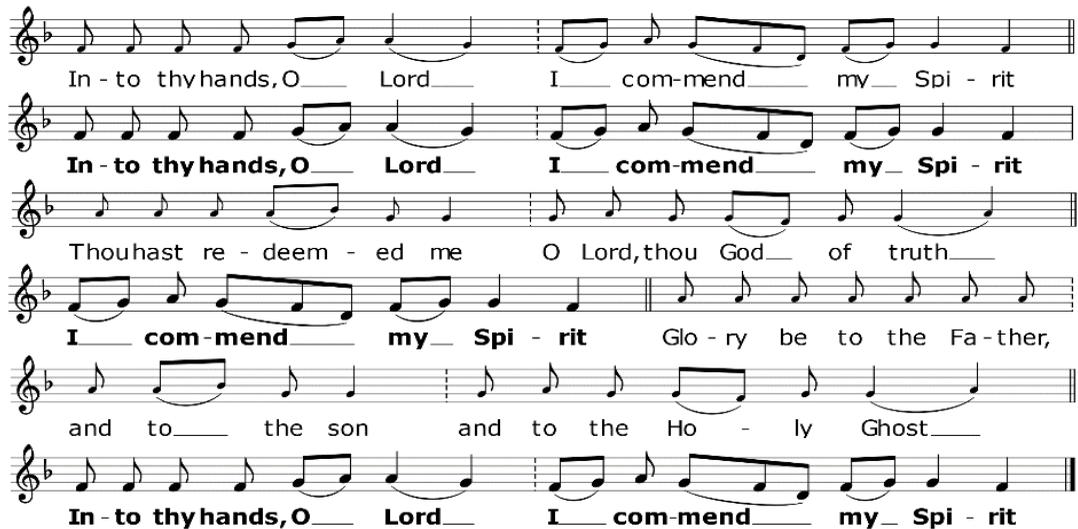
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem | Great Lord of Lords | Charles Wood

Great Lord of Lords, supreme immortal King, O give us grace to sing thy praise, which makes earth, air, and heaven to ring. O Word of God, from ages unbegun, the Father's only Son, with Him in power, in substance, Thou art one. O Holy Ghost, Whose care doth all embrace, thy watch is o'er our race, thou Source of Life, Thou Spring of peace and grace. One living Trinity, One unseen Light, All, all is Thine, Thy light beholds alike the bounds of depth and height.

Prayers

Evening Respond



The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff contains a line of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "In - to thy hands, O Lord I com - mend my Spi - rit" (repeated on the first two staves), "Thou hast re - deem - ed me O Lord, thou God of truth" (on the third staff), "I com - mend my Spi - rit Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther," (on the fourth staff), "and to the son and to the Ho - ly Ghost" (on the fifth staff), and "In - to thy hands, O Lord I com - mend my Spi - rit" (on the sixth staff). The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature.

Offertory Hymn 436 | *I bind unto myself today*

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom | *BCP p24*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Grace | *BCP p24*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Postlude

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Sung by | Altos | Tenors | Basses

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