

**ST. MATTHIAS'**  
**ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
WESTMOUNT, QC



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 31st, 2019**  
**Family Eucharist**

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Organ Prelude

**The Gathering of the Community**

*The Congregation stands for the hymns*

Processional Hymn **381** *Praise My Soul*

The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

Trisagion

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.** X3

The Collect

Eternal Lover of our wayward race, you open your arms to accept us even before we turn to meet your welcome; you invite us to forgiveness even before our hearts are softened to repentance. Hold before us the image of our humanity made new, so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation.

**Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated*

**The Proclamation of the Word**

The First Lesson A reading from Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

*Joshua 5:9-12*

Hear how the Spirit speaks to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *see back page of lilac insert*

Deuxième Lecture du deuxième livre des Corinthiens

Ainsi donc, désormais nous ne connaissons personne selon la chair. Même si nous avons connu le Christ selon la chair, maintenant ce n'est plus ainsi que nous le connaissons. Si donc quelqu'un est dans le Christ, c'est une création nouvelle: l'être ancien a disparu, un être nouveau est là. Et le tout vient de Dieu, qui nous a réconciliés

avec Lui par le Christ et nous a confié le ministère de la réconciliation. Car c'était Dieu qui dans le Christ se réconciliait le monde, ne tenant plus compte des fautes des hommes, et mettant en nous la parole de la réconciliation. Nous sommes donc en ambassade pour le Christ; c'est comme si Dieu exhortait par nous. Nous vous en supplions au nom du Christ: laissez-vous réconcilier avec Dieu. Celui qui n'avait pas connu le péché, Il l'a fait péché pour nous, afin qu'en lui nous devenions justice de Dieu. *2 Corinthiens 5:16-21*

Écoutez ce que l'Ésprit dit à l'Église.

**Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

Gradual Hymn 318 *Rejoice Today - Ein' Feste Burg*

### The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. 'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'" ' *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon Fr. Patrick Wheeler

### The Summary of the Law

Hear the teaching of Christ:

**you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.**

And a second is this: **You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**

### Intercessions

*Adoration:* Let's praise God together by saying **"God, you're so amazing!"**

You made a weird and beautiful universe; **God, you're so amazing!**

You take good care of us; **God, you're so amazing!**

You love the whole world; **God, you're so amazing!**  
Everything you do is wonderful; **God, you're so amazing!**

*Thanksgiving:* Let's thank God together by saying "**Gracious God, we thank you.**"

Gracious God, we have so much to thank you for. You meet all of our needs, giving us food to eat, clean water to drink and to wash in, homes to live in, nice clothes to wear, toys to play with, trees to climb, and healthy bodies. **Gracious God, we thank you.**

You have given us families to love us, both the families made up of our parents and brothers and sisters and the family of the church. **Gracious God, we thank you.**

You have given us friends, and you teach us how to be good friends in return. **Gracious God, we thank you.**

You gave us Christ, to be our King of love and to teach us how to love your whole world.

**Gracious God, we thank you.**

Even when we get messy, you always welcome us with open arms. **Gracious God, we thank you.**

You have given us the ability to give thanks to you, and teach us every day how to love you better!

**Gracious God, we thank you.**

Most of all, we thank you for yourself, for being you. **Gracious God, we thank you.**

*Petition:* Let's bring our requests to God together by saying "**Father, hear our prayer.**"

God, we pray that you bring your Church together into one big family, together following Jesus, together serving him by serving the world, and together telling people about his love on every continent and island.

**Father, hear our prayer.**

God, help us to love each other, our world, and you. Teach us how to show that love in our words and actions, so that we can be true followers of Christ. **Father, hear our prayer.**

Father, we need your help. We know that there are places where life is harder than we can imagine, and we know that there is suffering there. We pray that you come into these hurting places and bring your healing. We pray that you come into these places of sadness and bring your joy. **Father, hear our prayer.**

We know that there are people who need your help to stay safe, and people who need your help in their sadness, like... We also know that there are people who are sick or have other kinds of needs, like... We pray that you, who know them better than we do, would give them what they need, and that you would fill them up with your love. We pray that you would bless the people who take care of them, giving them wisdom but also compassion.

**Father, hear our prayer.**

God, you shape our dreams. Teach us to love what you love, and to want what you want for your world. Thank you for hearing our prayers.

**Amen.**

[Invitation to Confession](#)

Trusting the grace promised to us in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

*The Congregation kneels  
Silence*

[Confession](#)

**Beloved God,**

**with the eagerness of a child, you wait for our coming, with the urgency of a mother, you long for our return, with the anxious heart of a father, your arms ache to hold us. The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away, that's us, not you.**

**Forgive us and heal us of everything in us that recoils from our common humanity. You have given us such worth; help us to take all creation at your valuation and to know ourselves, and all your children, precious and loved.**

[Absolution](#)

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased. You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love.

*The Congregation stands*

## The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Parish Announcements see lilac insert

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem *Du Wolltest dem Feinde BWV71 - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

-Psalm 74:19

*O never to foemen deliver the soul of Thine own best beloved.*

Offertory Hymn **615** *Just As I Am - Woodworth*

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving *Additional Eucharistic Prayer One from the Church of England*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, **Holy.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... and filled your world with life.

Holy, Holy, **Holy.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... he rose in glory from the dead.

Holy, Holy, **Holy.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

*I. Koizumi (adapted S.B)*



Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est  
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -  
sa - na in the high - est.

*The Congregation may kneel  
The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... Do this to remember me.  
Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**  
Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**  
Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.  
Amen, Amen, **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

... as we wait for his coming in glory.  
Amen, Amen, **Amen.**

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen, Amen, **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

And now, as Christ has taught us, we pray,

**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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Most merciful Lord,

**your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

### Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to share at Christ's table; you may choose to receive bread by holding out your hands,  
and wine from the cup, or to receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest*

Communion Motet *O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day - R. Whyte (1538-1574)*

Communion Hymn **52** *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near - St Flavian*

### Prayer after Communion

Giver of life, you enlighten all who come into the world. Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name, through Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

### Doxology

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

[Recessional Hymn 399](#) *Now Thank We All Our God - Nun Danket*

### [The Blessing](#)

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### [Acclamation](#)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

**O my God, in you I trust.**

You are the God of my salvation;

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

In you I hope all the day long.

**O my God, in you I trust.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.**

### [Dismissal](#)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

[Organ Postlude](#) *Fugue In F - J.S. Bach*

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*We gather today in the traditional territory of the  
Haudenosaunee & Anishinaabe.*