

AN ORDER FOR THE EUCHARIST
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
22 MARCH 2020

Holy Trinity Anglican Cathedral
New Westminster BC

This order of service will help you participate in the eucharist as we stream it live from the Chapel of the Cathedral at 10.00.

- *Turn off your telephone.*
- *Find a good place where you won't be interrupted.*
- *Whether you are by yourself or with someone else, join in reciting those parts of the service marked in bold print.*
- *At the Offertory offer to God the gift of your time and your talents.*
- *At the time of Communion, give thanks to God for the gift of Christ in our lives.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Greeting

Presider

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
and whose mercy endures for ever.

Confession and Absolution

Deacon

Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God,
**in your compassion, forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Trisagion

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

Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

After a brief silence the Presider prays the Collect of the Day.

Creator and Healer,
you work your Sabbath will
in the chaos of our life:
teach us the insight that gives true judgement
and praises you wherever you are found,
making miracles from spit and mud;
through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

Reader

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to

meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After the reading the Reader says,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² **You make me lie down in green pastures *
and lead me beside still waters.**
- ³ You revive my soul *
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, *
I shall fear no evil;**
for you are with me; *
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ **You spread a table before me *
in the presence of those who trouble me;**
you have anointed my head with oil, *
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

Reader

A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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The Gospel: John 9.1-41

Before the Gospel the Deacon says,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a

sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”
Jews

The [Jewish religious authorities] did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the [religious authorities]; for [they] had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

After the Gospel the Deacon says,
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon there is a period of silence for reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon

Let us confess the faith of our baptism.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessions, Thanksgivings and Petitions

A member of the community leads us in our intercessions thanksgivings and petitions.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Members of the community greet and share a sign of God's peace here amongst us.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Let us pray.

God of light,
your Word bring to us a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages

you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
so that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

The Presider and Deacon elevate the Bread and Wine.
through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, Creator of all.
Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with Christ,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

The Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the Community

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

All your works praise you, O Lord.
And your faithful servants bless you.

Presider

Gracious God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May, who share his 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 that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements

Prayer over the People

Lord, look upon your people in mercy,
and nourish them with your Word and gracious Presence,
so that they may bring fruits worthy of your love. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Deacon sends the Community forth to participate in God's mission. The People respond, saying, 'Thanks be to God.'