



## WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025 AT 12:00 P.M.

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During Holy Week, we will begin the liturgy in silence. Therefore, all are encouraged to offer this prayer, acknowledging the lands on which we dwell, before the service begins. As we enter the story of Holy Week, we remember our relationship with our Indigenous neighbours. We acknowledge with respect that we gather today in many sacred places, places that were homes to those who have been displaced. We recognize that our church dwells on the traditional lands of the Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe Nations, including the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Gracious One, as we walk with Jesus on his journey through betrayal and denial, open our eyes to the ways in which we have betrayed and denied Indigenous peoples, that, by way of the resurrection, we may be agents of restoration and renewal. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**Presider:** Paige Souter

## ✠ Penitential Rite

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures for ever.**

## Confession and Absolution

*Priest:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept*

*Priest:* Most merciful God,

*All:* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

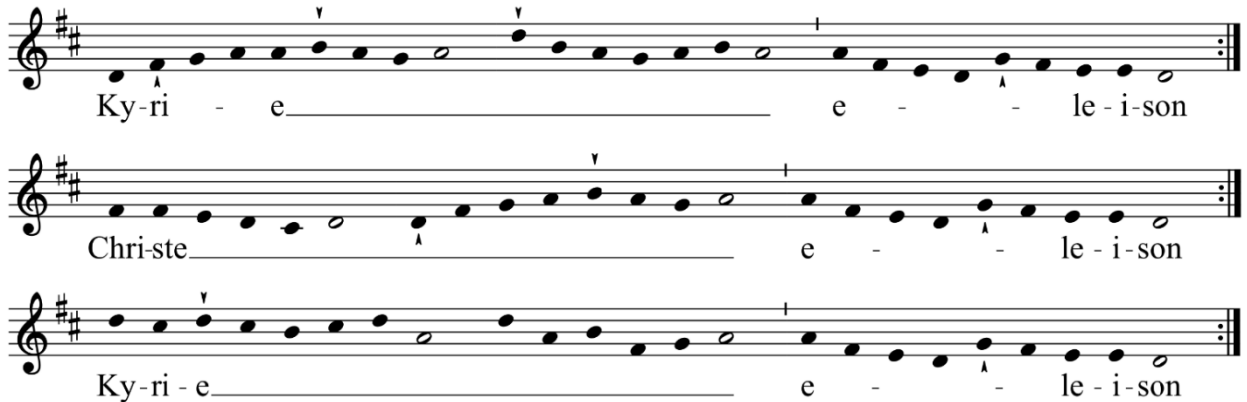
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Priest:* Almighty God have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Kyrie eleison

*All sing*



Music: Missa de Angelis (abridged)

## The Collect

*Priest:* Lord God,  
your Son our Saviour gave his body to be whipped  
and turned his face for men to spit upon.  
Give your servants grace to accept suffering for his sake,  
confident of the glory that will be revealed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Please be seated*

*Reader:* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens - awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not

be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

*Reader:* The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 50.4-9a

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*A moment of silence is observed*

## **Psalm 70** (*George Black*)

**Refrain**

The musical score for the Refrain of Psalm 70 is written for piano and voice. It consists of four measures. The first measure has the lyrics 'Help\_ me,\_' with a long note on 'Help' and a short note on 'me'. The second measure has the lyrics 'God.' with a single note on 'God'. The third measure has the lyrics 'God, be quick to' with notes on 'God', 'be', 'quick', and 'to'. The fourth measure has the lyrics 'save me.' with notes on 'save' and 'me'. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;

O God, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. **Refrain**

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,

because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is our God!" **Refrain**

But as for me, I am poor and needy;

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O God, do not tarry. **Refrain**

## **The Gospel**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

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

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

Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples the - one whom Jesus loved - was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

*Priest:* The Gospel of Christ.

John 13.21-32

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

**Homily:** Sylvia Keesmaat

*Please be seated*

*A moment of silence is observed*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Please rise as you are able*

*Leader:* As we journey through Holy Week,  
let us pray to the One in whose steps we now walk, saying,  
Christ our Passover,

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Jesus our lover, Mary of Bethany prepared you for burial: May we dwell in the assurance that, as we have been immersed in a death like yours, so shall we also share in a resurrection like yours.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Jesus, the power of God: Give us in all things the grain of wisdom that you are, that we may bear much fruit.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

***All:* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Jesus our healer: Forgive our betrayals of your love, and give us such a portion of yourself that we may be healed and walk in newness of life.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Jesus our Saviour, you gave us the bread of your body and the wine of your blood, and washed the feet of your disciples: as you came not to be served but to serve, so may we secure the dignity of every human being.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Crucified Servant: Give us the will and desire to embrace the sacrifice by which you make us your siblings, and children of God.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Jesus, our Lord and our God, you were buried in the depths of the earth and on the third day raised again in glory: lift us, we pray, from the pains of our humanity and make us agents of the new creation.

*A long pause is observed. Please give voice to your prayers, silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Christ our Passover,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, the hope of all in need, pour your Spirit upon us, that we may be instruments of your justice and compassion, a light to the nations, and a living promise of your new heaven and new earth. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

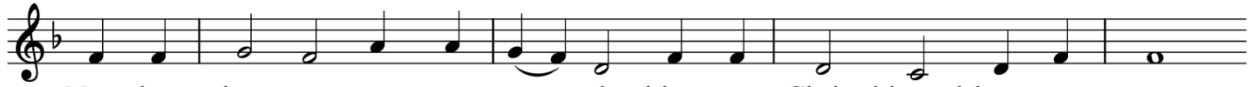
*Priest:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Offertory Hymn: #35 (Common Praise) “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters” *All sing*



1. Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2. We who bring them long for nur - ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3. O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - im - ag - ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, bless as Christ blessed long a - go.  
Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv - ing bread.  
To your name be glo - ry, hon - our! With our lives, we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re - new us; guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir-it born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.  
one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

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## ✠ The Celebration of the Eucharist

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Priest:* God of glory, may our worship this day fix the eyes of our faith on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our new humanity, who is seated at the right hand of your throne, now and for ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And al-so 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.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who for our salvation became obedient unto death.  
The tree of defeat became the tree of victory:  
where life was lost, life has been restored.  
Therefore with angels and archangels and all the heavenly chorus,  
we cry out to proclaim the glory of your name.



# Sanctus: #722 (Common Praise)

*All sing*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

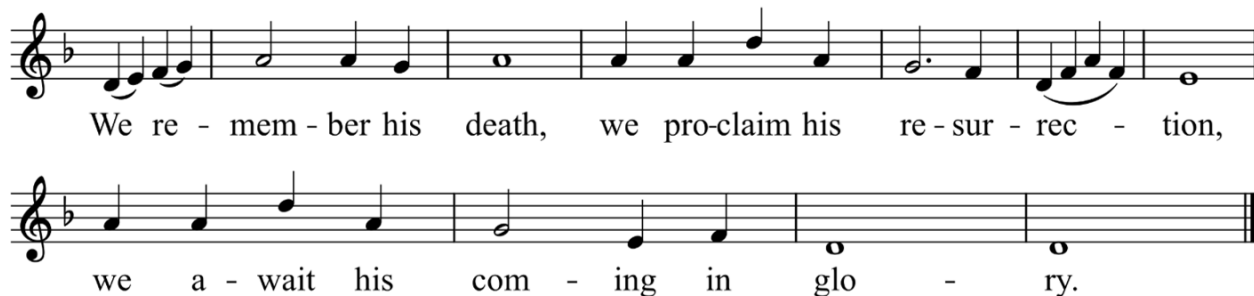
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**Priest:** We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your People; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

## Memorial Acclamation: #724 (Common Praise)

*All sing*



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*Priest:* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

## Amen: #725 (Common Praise)

*All sing*



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## The Lord's Prayer

*Leader:* Gathering all our cares into one, let us pray,

*All:* **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

*Priest:* Living Bread, broken for the life of the world:

*People:* **Sustain us on our way to your glory.**

*Priest:* Fruit of the true Vine, poured out for us and for many:

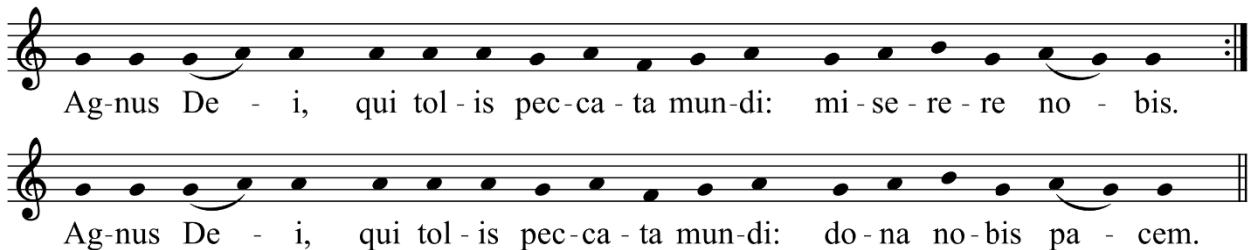
*People:* **Be now the wine that gladdens our hearts.**

*Priest:* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

*All sing*



Music: De Profundis Plainsong Mass

## The Giving and Receiving of Communion

*Priest:* Dear friends, I invite you in this moment, wherever you may be,  
to receive Christ, in communion with the saints,  
and the gathering of God's people, unseen and yet present with us now.

*For those of us participating at home, it is a strange experience to be invited to Communion  
– not through the physical bread and wine we can touch and taste –  
but a Spiritual Communion with the God who comes to meet us wherever we are.*

*There are no special words or prayers for this, all the Church has ever thought necessary is genuine true  
desire, lively faith, and genuine love. Come honestly before God the way you know how.*

*You may wish to pray quietly this prayer to help you:*

*One:* Lord, you stand at the door of my heart and knock.  
You wait for me and only I can let you in.  
I believe and trust in you and ask you now to fill me with your presence.  
Feed me with your body and unite me in your blood,  
that I may be your blessing to a world in need. Amen.

## The Communion



*During communion, if you need a gluten-free wafer,  
please let the communion minister know.*

*Please do not dip the bread in the wine.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion,  
please cross your arms as shown in the picture on the left.*

## Prayer after Communion

*Please rise as you are able*

*Priest:* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*All:* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the body  
and blood of your son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life.**

**We who drink this cup, bring life to others;**

**we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

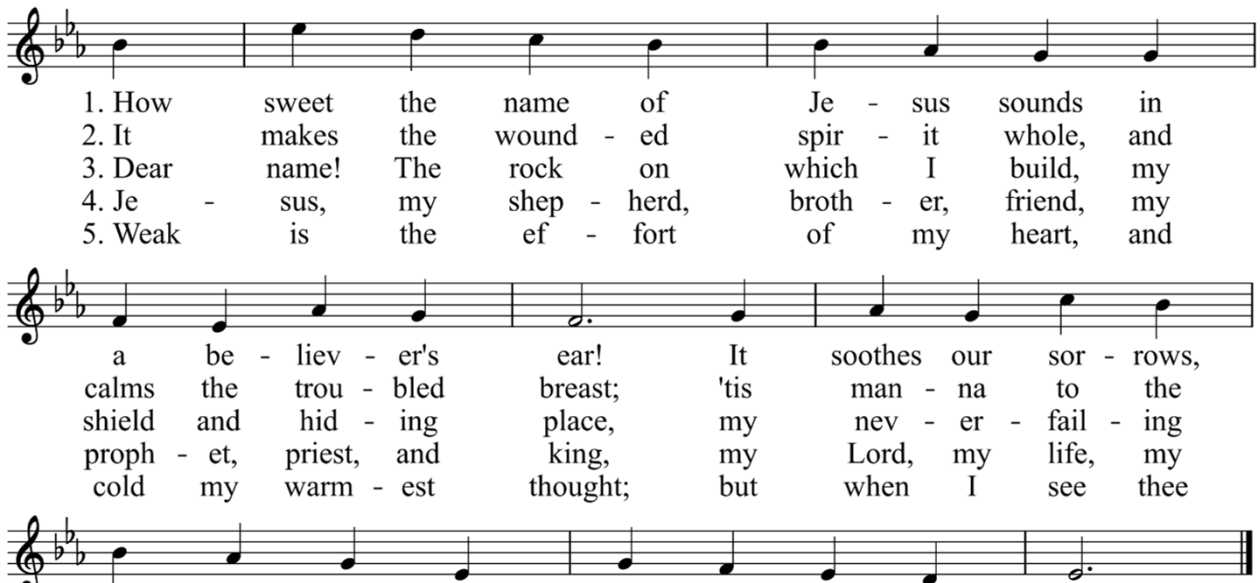
**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so that we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Departing Hymn: #620 (Common Praise) “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”*All sing*



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in  
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and  
3. Dear name! The rock on which I build, my  
4. Je - sus, my shep - herd, broth - er, friend, my  
5. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, and

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the trou - bled breast; 'tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place, my nev - er - fail - ing  
proph - et, priest, and king, my Lord, my life, my  
cold my warm - est thought; but when I see thee

heals our wounds, and drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.  
treas - ury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.  
as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.

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*There is no Dismissal at the end of this, or any other, liturgy in Holy Week.  
For we have not been dismissed; nor shall we be until God has finished working our redemption for us.*

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## **Worship with Us in Holy Week**

### **Wednesday in Holy Week**

12PM – Holy Eucharist

6 PM – Service of Darkness

### **The Great Vigil**

9PM – First Eucharist of Easter

### **Maundy Thursday**

7:30PM – Sung Eucharist with Foot Washing,  
Stripping the Altar and Vigil for  
One Hour

### **Easter Day**

9AM – Worship on Zoom

10:30AM – Sung Eucharist

### **Good Friday**

12PM – Solemn Good Friday with Veneration of  
the Cross, and The Way to the Tomb

*All services held in the church building will also be livestreamed through YouTube*