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Prodigal Son, Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669)

Fourth Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday

30 March 2025

Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional territory of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Andante Sostenuto

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Mass Setting

Communion Service in A minor

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Creed: Merbecke

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn

486 I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold

Introit Proper

Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations. *Ps.* I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be ... Rejoice ye ...

Opening Greeting

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Kyrie

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Collects

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, you despise nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

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 camped 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.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32

Beati, quorum.

- ¹ Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven, / and whose sin is covered.
- ² Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin, / and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- ³ For while I held my tongue, / my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
- ⁴ For thy hand was heavy upon me day and night, / and my moisture was changed as with the drought of summer.
- ⁵ I acknowledged my sin unto thee; / and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
- ⁶ 1 said, 'I will confess my sins unto the Lord'; / and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.
- ⁷ For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found; / when the great waters overflow, they shall not come nigh him.
- ⁸ Thou art a place to hide me in; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; / thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
- ⁹ I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go; / and I will guide thee with mine eye upon thee.

- ¹⁰ Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding; / whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, else they will not come nigh thee.
- ¹¹ Great plagues remain for the ungodly; / but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
- ¹² Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; / and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

87 Forgive our sins as we forgive

Bangor

Gradual Proper

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. \mathcal{V} . Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

★ The Holy Gospel is written in the fifteenth chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

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O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

Offertory Hymn

95 Lord Jesus, think on me Southwell

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**.

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Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.

Music at Communion

644 Lent Prose

Attende Domine

Ablutions Motet

There's a wideness in God's mercy Maurice Bevan (1921-2006) text F.W. Faber (1814-1863) – see hymn 575

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.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

573 The King of love my shepherd is

St Columba

Organ Postlude

Prelude on 'St Columba'

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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