Welcome to The Parish of Holy Trinity St. Stephens





Announcements: Rev. Rob Henderson



THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



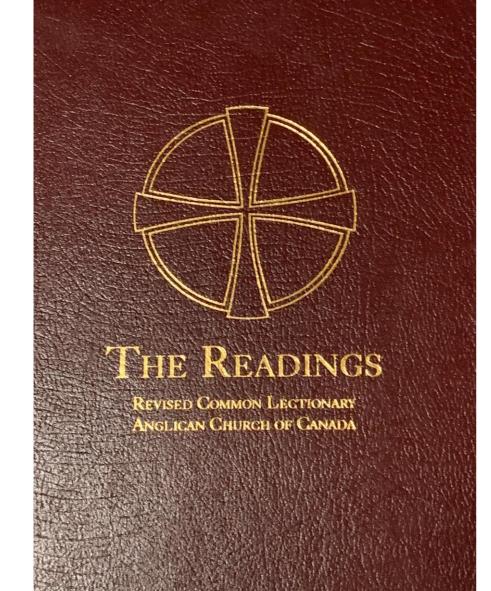
Trisagion – Hymn #707

Trisagion (said 3 times)

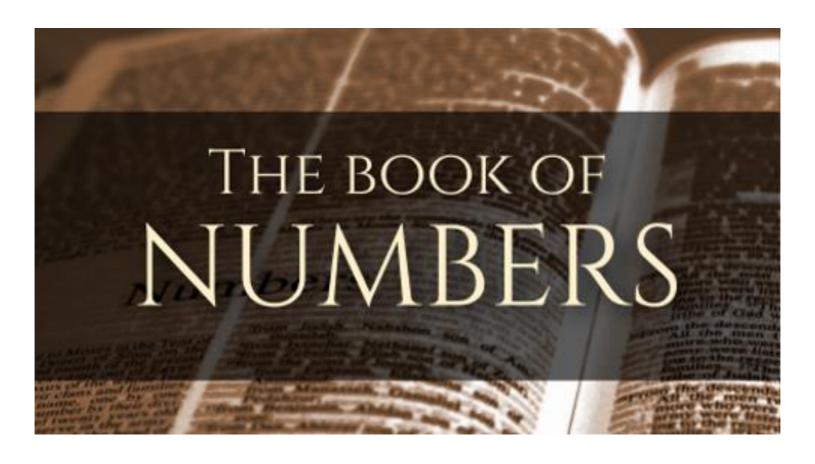
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Repeat twice

We Say Together The Collect For The Day: **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.



<u>The Proclamation</u> <u>of the Word</u>



A Reading from the Book of Numbers (21:4-9)

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?

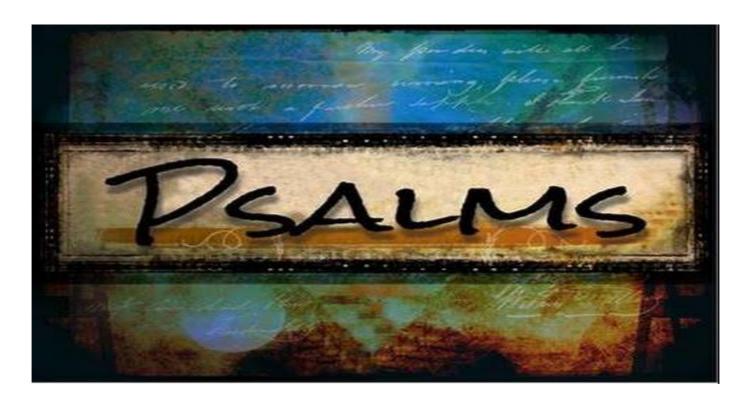
For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and

against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze,

and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Refrain:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever. Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; they were afflicted because of their sins.

They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.

Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Psalm 19

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.

Amen.



All stand for the Gospel

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to John

People: Glory to you,

Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





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The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant: Let us confess
the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

People: 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. The Apostles' Creed 2/4 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.



Prayers of the People

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Year B

Brothers and sisters: reconciled to God by the mercy of Christ, we pray with confidence for the needs of the church and the world saying: Have mercy O Lord.

We pray for the church, For Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate. That our Lenten hunger may be for justice, and our thirst for deeds of justice. We pray:

We pray for the community of nations, especially for this country of Canada and those who lead us, that the worth of every life may compel us on the way to solidarity and peace. We pray:

We pray for those in exile and for refugees. For those who are homeless because of war or hunger or because of the greed or hatred of others. We pray that they may find places of rest and people of kindness. We pray:

We pray for those of us present today and for those watching this service from home. At this time, you are invited to bring before God, either silently or aloud, those on your hearts and minds, our families and our friends, and all those named in our service bulletin.

<u>Silence</u>

May we all see ourselves and each other as God's beloved, and may our steps be directed in ways of peace that lead us to the side of those whom the world despises. May we have the courage and faith to name these rejected ones as our brothers and our sisters. We pray:

Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God, for with him we pass from sin to the new life of grace. Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of your compassion and welcome all people to the festive banquet of your table,

where we may rejoice in your love and celebrate the inheritance you have given to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

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

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

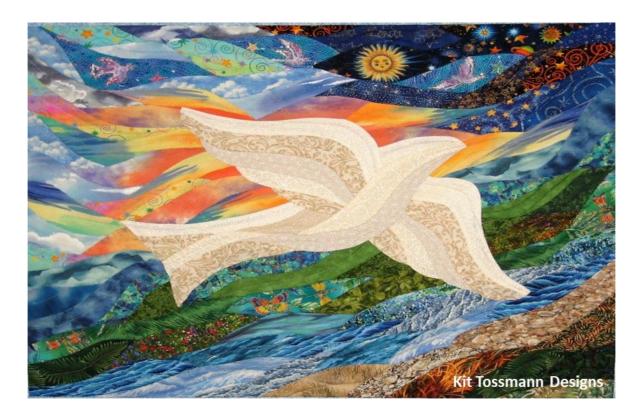
People: we confess

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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.



Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.



Receiving the gifts of money and other gifts for the needs and responsibilities of the Church.



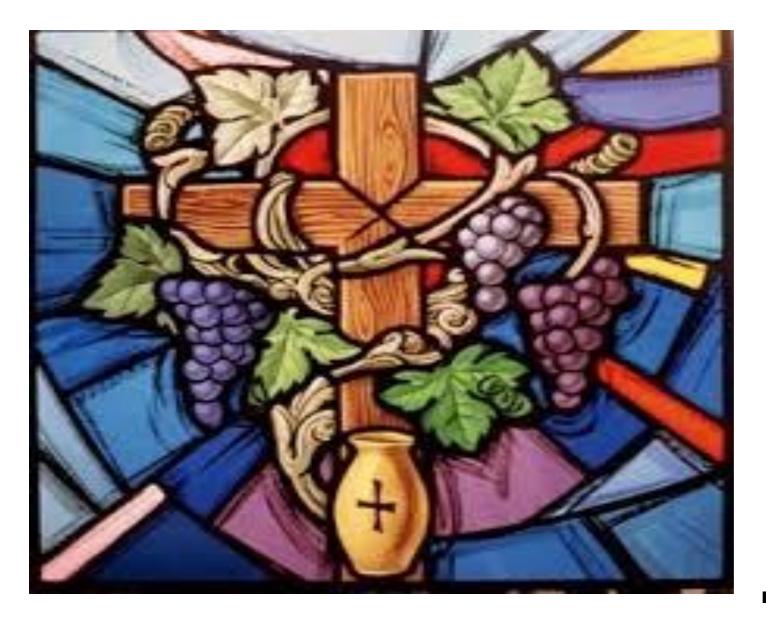


The flowers for the Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Barbara Warren in memory of her parents John and Florence Warren.

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.



Eucharistic
Prayer
#2

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy (Dufford)) – to be said

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. **God of Power and Might Heaven and Earth** are full of your Glory. Hosanna, Hosanna on high.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna in the Highest, Hosanna, Hosanna on High.

Holy and gracious God, Celebrant: accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour **Jesus Christ**; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body

which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This is my blood

which is shed for you.

When you do this,

you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer



Lord's Prayer (to be said)

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 forever. Amen

Breaking of The Bread #7 Lent and Holy Week

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: If we have died with him

All: If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.



ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE, IT IS JESUS WHO INVITES YOU.

Please stay physically distanced when approaching to receive the bread.

After receiving your wafer, please step to the side and remove your mask before consuming the bread.

Gluten free wafers are available.



We Say Together the 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.

The Doxology

Celebrant: Glory to God,

People: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.



THE BLESSING



Thank you for Worshipping with us!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

God Bless You and see you next week!