

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Decalogue

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said, if you love me, keep my commandments; happy are those who hear the word of God and keep it. Hear then these commandments which God has given to his people and take them to heart.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not dishonour the name of the Lord your God.

You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Lord's day and keep it holy.

Christ is risen from the dead; set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honour your father and your mother.

Live as servants of God; honour one another; love the fellowship.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

Be reconciled to your neighbour; overcome evil; with good.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

Know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

Be honest in all that you do and for one another.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness.

Let everyone speak the truth.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbour.
Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: it is more blessed to give than to receive. Love your neighbour as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Kyrie Eleison

Choir *Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *12.1-4a*

Read by Mary Martin

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 4.1-5, 13-17*

Read by Peggy Needham

Reader A reading from the Epistle of St Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Trisagion*

Ho - ly - Lord, Ho - ly, and - migh - ty.
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

The Holy Gospel John 3.1-17

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“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. ¹⁷“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.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Choir *God So Loved the World*

JOHN STAINER

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. ¹⁷“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.

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God;
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the
scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People *Please kneel or stand.*

Led by Mark Garbutt

Celebrant In peace, let us pray saying “**Lord, graciously hear us**”.

Leader For peace from on high and for our salvation; for the peace of the whole world,
and for the unity of all. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For the Church, praying today for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai; in our diocese for
Andrew, Kevin and Riscylla our bishops, for the ministry of this parish, and for
all the clergy and people, that your people be faithful servants of the Gospel and
rightly proclaim the word of truth. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may uphold the common good with justice and peace. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For this city of Toronto for every city and community, and for those who live in them, that they may be united in service and love. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all and the willingness to share them. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering, (especially *NN*), for prisoners and captives; for the safety of those who travel, the health of those who are sick, and the salvation of all who are captive. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, for all victims of violence and injustice. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader For all who have died in the peace of Christ and for those who faith is known to God alone (especially *NN*); rest eternal grant unto them O Lord,

All **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader In a moment of silence we offer other prayers, thanksgivings and petitions.
Silence is kept. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Celebrant Grant these our prayers, Lord God, as may best for us, through thy Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the congregation to join in the General Confession.

Silence is kept. Please kneel or be seated.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people:
we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced. Then all stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant I beseech you, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12. 1.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 506 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

Prayer over the Gifts

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

MERBECKE - *Common Praise* #682

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. *The Preface follows. Then is sung:*

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest. *All kneel or be seated.*

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our

nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded: And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer – *Sung together*

CP HYMN BOOK 684

Celebrant And now as our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to pray:
Our Father

All **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 them that 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.**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant We do not presume

All **to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

- Holy Communion will be administered at both the High Altar and at the St Peter's Altar (standing). If you are communicating at the High Altar, please return to your pew through the side Sacristy door.
- Communion is administered in both kinds, bread and wine. Please do not intinct (dip the wafer in the wine). The fullness of the sacrament is present in the bread only. If you are not receiving the chalice, you may touch the base while the words of administration are spoken.
- If you would like only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 76 *Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour*

ADORO TE

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant Lord our God, grant us grace to desire thee with our whole heart; that so desiring, we may seek and find thee; and so finding, may love thee; and so loving, may give thanks to thee for our redemption through the cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer unto thee ourselves our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of the Spirit to live and work for thy praise and glory. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 565 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Dismissal

Leader Followers of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Chorale Prelude on 'Salvation Unto Us Is Come'*

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In our Prayers this Week

The Anglican Communion The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Parkdale-Toronto West Deanery.

Outreach & Advocacy Cycle of Prayer *Pray for* the Parish of Minden-Kinmount, its Thrift Shop, and the outreach initiatives it supports; *for* the Mission to Seafarers, and its ministry of pastoral and practical care to seafarers from around the world; *and for* the Church of the Nativity, Malvern, its afterschool, summer camp and youth programs, Seniors' Community Lunch, and support for the local Indigenous community, Malvern Coalition and TAIBU Community Health Centre.

Parish Cycle Greg Robinson, Cynthia Rogers & James Tory, Cynthia Roosevelt.

Home Bound Parishioners Marie Adams, Evelyn Baird, Glenna Charles, Alice Fox, Dennis Gittens, Lorraine Griffith, Sabrina Hogan, Marian McPherson, Denise Orioux, Everton Morris, Rex Southgate, Lucy Simons, Vernita Theobolds, Duncan Towe, Lila Vamosi, Vashti White.

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SERVICES

Sunday	9.00 am	Weekly Holy Eucharist (BCP) - In the Chapel of Holy Spirit
	10.30 am	1 st and 3 rd Sundays: Choral Eucharist – Traditional BCP Rite
		2 nd Sunday: Choral Matins (unless announced)
		4 th Sunday: Choral Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite
		5 th Sunday & Evensong: - As Announced
Wednesday	11.00 am	Weekly Eucharist – Contemporary BAS Rite

We acknowledge that in gathering to worship Almighty God, we are in the traditional territory of many First Nations peoples including the Mississaugas of the New Credit, the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunees, and the Huron-Wendat.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is, the world and all who dwell therein." Psalm 24.1.

