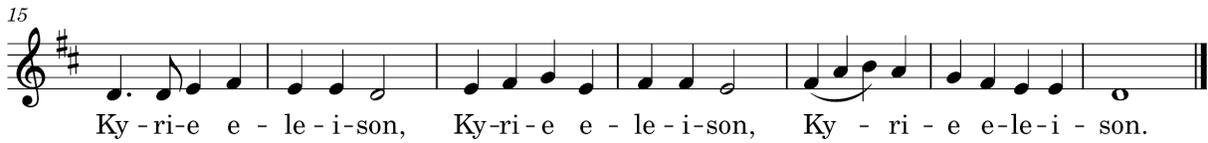


Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Healey Willan (1880-1968) *Missa da Sancta Maria Magdalena*



THE COLLECT

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we always thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All sit

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: Wendy Steel

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do

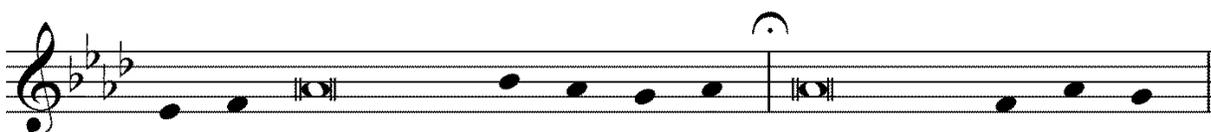
you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Reader Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Tone iii, 1



Cantor COME, LET us **sing** to the Lord;*
 let us shout for joy to the rock of **our** salvation.

All Let us come before his **presence** with thanksgiving*
 and raise a loud shout to **him** with psalms.
 For the **Lord is a** great God,*
 and a **great king a-bove** all gods;

Choir In his hand are the **ca-vern**s of the earth,*
 and the heights of the **hills are** his also.
 The sea is **his**, for he made it,*
 and his hands have **molded** the dry land.

All Come, let us bow **down and bend** the knee,*
 and kneel before the **Lord** our Maker.
 For he is our God;
 and we are the people of your pasture and the **sheep** of your hand;*
 Oh, that today you would hearken **to** his voice!

Choir Harden not your hearts as you forebears **did** in the wilderness,*
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, **when** they tempted me.

Cantor They **put** me to the test,*
 though they had **seen** my works.

All Forty years long I detested that gener-**a**-tion and said,*
 “This people are wayward in their hearts;
 they do not **know** my ways.”
 So I **swore** in my wrath,*
 “They shall not enter **into** my rest.”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

Reader: Wendy Steel

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader Thanks be to God.

All stand

HYMN 178

Restore in Us, O God

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you

say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.”

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Wendy Steel

Leader With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world,
we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to
the ends of the earth, we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and sponsors,
we pray to you, Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 we give you thanks and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
 By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
 and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
 but for him who died for us and rose again.
 Therefore with angels and archangels
 and all who have served you in every age,
 we raise our voices
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God of hosts, hea-ven and
 9 earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord most
 15 high. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he that com-eth
 22 in the name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All remain standing or kneel

Celebrant 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.

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant 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 sons and daughters;
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 forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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

Celebrant We break this bread.
People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

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O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the

sins of the world, have mer-cy u-pon us. Grant

us thy peace.

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist
Gluten free wafers are available*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Benjamin Cooke (1734-1793)

My God, my God, O tell me why unheeded still ascends my cry,
Why thus from my afflicted heart Thy presence and thy health depart.

Eternal Lord, throughout the day with fruitless plaint to thee I pray;
Nor sleeps the anguish of my soul, hen night's dark shades involve the pole.

Yet unimpeach'd thy faith appears, Thy sanctity my heart reveres,
O thou, to whom in homage join the sons of Jacob's chosen line.

Thee, Lord, our sires their strength confest, and found thee, as their stedfast breast
To thee its full affiance gave, nor slow to hear, nor weak to save:

Lord, what am I? A man in form, yet brother to the trampled worm;
An outcast from the human kind, to fierce derision's rage consign'd:

They shake the head, they shout, they gaze; each eye, each lip, contempt betrays:
"On God, they cry, thy hope was staid; be God, if is thou art, thy aid."

- James Merrick (1720-1769), based on Psalm 22

After communion, all stand for

HYMN

Music: *St Raphael* E. J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

Text: John Cummins (1795-1867)

Je - su, Lord of life and glo - ry,
Taught by thine en - err - ing Spi - rit
From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness,
Je - su, may thy pro - mised bless - ing

3
bend from heav'n thy gra - cious ear; While our wait - ing
bold - ly we draw nigh to God, on - ly in thy
from the hard' - ning pow'r of sin, from all ma - lice
com - fort to our souls af - ford; May we now, thy

6
souls a - dore thee, friend of help - less sin - ners hear:
spot - less mer - it, on - ly through thy pre - cious Blood:
and un - kind - ness, from the pride that lurks with - in:
love poss - ess - ing, and at length our full re - ward:

9
By thy mer - cy, O de - li - ver us, good Lord.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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 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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Gospeller Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE LENT PROSE

Cantor first, then all sing the refrain.

The Cantor sings the verses and the Congregation sings the refrain where indicated



To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

Refrain

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: way of salvation, gate of life celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

Refrain

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

Refrain

Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

Refrain

Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

Refrain

VOLUNTARY

Meditation on "Christ, the Life of my life"

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, March 22 – *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Choral Evensong at 5 pm
With the Choir of Trinity College, Toronto
Thomas Bell, Director of Music

HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES 2026

Sunday, March 29 – *Palm Sunday*

8:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Liturgy of the Palms and Sung Eucharist

Monday, March 30

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 31

10:30 am Blessing of Oils, Renewal of Vows and Holy Eucharist
(at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton – 252 James Street North)
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 1

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 2 – *Maundy Thursday*

5:00 pm The Maundy Ceremonies

Friday, April 3 – *Good Friday*

12 noon The Solemn Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Sunday, April 5 – *Easter Day*

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Sung Eucharist

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