

Lent 2 – March 13th, 2022

The Regional Ministries of the Eastern Townships

Prelude: Prelude on “Ratisbon” by C. S. Lang (1891-1971)



Our Announcements

Our Collect

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies (CP#5)

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

A Prayer for Regional Ministry

O God, you have called us together in this Regional Ministry to bear witness to your loving presence here in the Eastern Townships. Scripture teaches us that while we are many, we all make up one body – the body of Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may fulfill the work you have given us to do in this place; for the sake of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. Amen.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Wôbanakiak (Abenaki) First Peoples. **May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace. Amen.**

Almighty God 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.

The Proclamation of the Word

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 (read by John Hoblyn)

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”

And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”



27 The Lord is my light

ANTIPHON



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion.

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation:
whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is my strong refuge:
of whom then need I be afraid? **ANTIPHON**
- 2 When the enemy came upon me to devour me:
he stumbled and fell to the ground.
Though a host of men were encamped against me:
Yet will I put my trust in him. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 One thing I ask of the Lord:
one petition I seek from him.
To dwell in the house of the Lord:
and serve him all my days. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord:
and to worship in his holy temple.
There will I offer him the sacrifice of thanksgiving:
I will sing and speak praises to my God. **ANTIPHON**

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (read by Joan Matthews)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Bright the Vision That Delighted (CP#326)

1. Bright the vision that delighted
once the sight of Judah's seer,
sweet the countless tongues united
to entrance the prophet's ear.
2. Round the Lord in glory seated
cherubim and seraphim
filled the temple and repeated
each to each the alternate hymn:
3. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven,
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord."
4. Heaven is still with glory ringing;
earth takes up the angels' cry,
"Holy, holy, holy," singing,
"Lord of hosts, the Lord most high."
5. With his seraph train before him,
with his holy church below,
thus conspire we to adore him,
bid we thus our anthem flow:
6. "Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
earth is with its fullness stored;
unto thee be glory given,
holy, holy, holy Lord."

Luke 13:31-35 (read by Terry O'Regan)

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Sermon: Fr. Tyson L. Røsborg

United Church Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

The Prayers of the People – led by Randy Gates

Confession and Absolution

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

Most merciful God,

**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 upon us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.



May Almighty God have mercy on us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sin,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Offertory Music: Canon in D. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) arr. Colin Hand

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Eucharistic Prayer # 3

(Eucharist Setting Sanctus & Benedictus **CP#722** Tune: Picardy)

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion

(Music during Communion: Miserere. Orlando Allegri (1582-1652) arr. Quentin Thomas.)

Prayer after Communion:

All your works praise you O, Lord/ **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. May 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 that 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.

Jerusalem the Golden (CP#278)

1. Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blessed,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect;
O dear and future vision,
that eager hearts expect:
even now by faith we see thee,
even here thy walls discern;
to thee our thoughts are kindled;
for thee our spirits yearn.

The Blessing

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord/ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Ewing from After the Last Verse. by Malcolm Archer (1952-)
Sarah Hoblyn at the organ.

