

**Welcome to St. George's**  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
Morning Prayer on-line Service

Please introduce yourself as you arrive and feel free to chat with others. Once the service starts, we will mute your microphone so everyone can hear the service.

If you would like us to pray for you or someone else by name, send us a prayer request via the chat box marked:  
**Prayers-Bill & Sue**

There will be welcome and a brief introduction at 10:27am.

A prelude will begin the service at 10:30.





THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
AN ONLINE SERVICE OF  
MORNING PRAYER  
Sunday, March 7, 2021  
10:30am

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu (Op. 122, No. 2)

O Blessed Jesu)

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

(Played by *Nicholas Danby*)





## Opening Responsories

*Officiant:* God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (*John 3.16*)

*Officiant:* O Lord, open our lips

***People:* and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant:* Give us the joy of your saving help

***People:* and sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

***People:* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.**

**Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish the peace which God wills for his children.

Priest: 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.**

**People:** 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.**

**Priest:** 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

*Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent*

*Officiant:* Father of mercy,  
alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.  
When we are discouraged by our weakness,  
strengthen us to follow Christ,  
our pattern and our hope;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

***All:* Amen.**

**Kyrie**  
**Collegium Regale**  
**Harold Darke**





## Psalm 19

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*p. 725*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
  
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
  
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
  
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgements of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

*11* By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

***12* Who can tell how often he offends? \***  
**cleanse me from my secret faults.**

*13* Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**Glory 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.**

# New Testament Reading

(Read in French)

***Reader:* A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians  
(1 Corinthians 1.18-25)**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: Acclamons la Parole du Seigneur.

**People: Nous rendons grâce à Dieu.**

*A moment of silence is observed.*

**HYMN 389**  
**O God of Earth and Altar**



## **A Reading from the Gospel of John (John 2.13-22)**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



*A short time of silence is observed to ponder the readings and psalms.*

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe

# **HYMN 505**

## **Be Thou My Vision**





# Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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**Officiant:** I believe in God,

**People:** 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.**

**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.**



# The Prayers of the People

**Leader:** In peace, let us open our hearts and offer to God prayers for the whole world.

*Prayers for the world are offered.*

**Leader:** For peace in the world,  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation  
may grow among nations and peoples.

Lord of compassion

**All:** In your mercy hear us.

*Leader:* Let us pray for the one, holy catholic church throughout the world.

*Prayers for the church are offered*

*Leader:* We pray for the mission of the church,  
that in all that it does, it proclaims the gospel of love.

Lord of compassion

***All:* In your mercy hear us.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for our sisters and brothers  
who suffer from hunger, sickness, or depression  
and for all who minister to their needs.

*Prayers for the sick are offered.*

*During the pause, please add your requests, aloud or in silence.*

*Leader:* For the poor, the persecuted, and the sick,  
for refugees, prisoners and all in danger,  
that they may be relieved and protected.

Lord of compassion

***All:* In your mercy hear us.**

*Leader:* In communion with all those we love and see no more,  
let us pray to the Father.

*The names of those who have died are offered*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

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

*Leader:* May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

***All:* Amen.**

*Leader:* God our Father,  
in your love and goodness  
you have taught us to come close to you in penitence  
with prayer, fasting and generosity;  
accept our Lenten discipline,  
and when we fall by our weakness,  
raise us up by your unfailing mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**



# The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

*People:* **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.**

**HYMN 438**  
**O Jesus I Have Promised**





# Blessing

*Priest:*

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Priest:* Go in the peace of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



## POSTLUDE

Sketch in C minor (Op. 58, No. 1)

Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Played By *Dan Zerfass*

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Thank You!



# Announcements

- For information email or call the church office  
([office@st-georges.org](mailto:office@st-georges.org)) or 514-866-7113)
- Mid-week Online Worship Wednesday @12:15pm  
Bible study on same link immediately follows.
- Rev. Holly's Lenten Study on the book *Remember your Death*, February 18 to March 25  
from 7:30-9:30 pm for more info:  
[spirituality@st-georges.org](mailto:spirituality@st-georges.org)
- Time Change next week, March 14 – Spring ahead



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