



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025 • 10:00 AM

*Welcome to St. John's, Shaughnessy!
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
and whether you are joining us in the church
building or via the livestream, we are glad
you are here!*

*If you are new here and would like to learn
more, please introduce yourself to the clergy
after the service. If you would like to be
added to our mailing list so that we may
keep you informed of upcoming events, please
contact the church office.*

*Infants and children (and their accompanying
noises) enliven our services. Colouring, crafts,
and quiet toys are available in the children's
area, just to the left of the front pews.*

*We acknowledge with respect that we
worship on the traditional, ancestral, and
unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples,
and we pray that we may live more deeply
into the calls to action from Canada's Truth
and Reconciliation Commission.*

*During the season of Lent, there is no organ prelude. In the silence before the service begins, we
invite you to spend a quiet moment in prayer and preparation for worship.*

The people's responses are in bold.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN

SONG 13

1. Giv - er of the per - fect gift, on - ly hope of hu - man race,
2. Though the ac - cus - ing voice with - in speaks of man - y a wrong to thee,
3. Who can save us, Lord, but thou? Let thy mer - cy show thy power;
4. Oh! may these our Lent - en days, blest by thee, with thee be passed,
5. God the ho - ly tri - ni - ty, grant the mer - cy we im - plore;

hear the prayer our hearts up - lift, ga - thered at thy throne of grace.
thou canst cleanse from ev - ery sin, thou canst set the conscience free.
lo, we plead thy pro - mise now, now, in this the ac - cept - ed hour.
that with pur - er, no - bler praise we may keep thy feast at last.
God the one, all praise to thee through the ag - es ev - er - more.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

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 on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE

New Plainsong

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
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THE COLLECT OF 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.**

Children are invited to follow their leaders to Godly Play. They will return to their families at the exchange of the peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in times of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked,;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

ABERYSTWYTH

1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bos - om fly,
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find!
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fal - len, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness:
 Thou of life the foun - tain art; free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last.
 cov - er my de - fence - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Cantor sings the Refrain; then all repeat.

Unison

Praise to you, O Lord, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

Cantor I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: father I have sinned against heaven and before you. *Refrain*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe - the best one - and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my

friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Pitman Potter

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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.
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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord, have mercy.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming. We pray especially for Anne, our Acting Primate; Chris, the National Indigenous Archbishop; and John, our Archbishop. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the parish of St. George, Maple Ridge; the Street Outreach Initiative; and the Diocese of Kootenay. We pray also for our companion diocese, the Diocese of Northern Philippines; and for our companion parishes of St. Luke, Butbut Proper, and St. James, Luccong. For all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, including Mark, our Prime Minister; David, our Premier; and Ken, our mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and well-being of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labour, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation: for those who are present, and for those who are absent; that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers (including . . .); and for our families, friends, and neighbours; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone (including . . .); that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Beloved, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, “Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:” Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another with signs of God's peace.

THE OFFERTORY

As the altar is prepared for Holy Communion, the congregation is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. A QR code is provided for those who prefer to donate online. During the collection, a hymn is sung.



HYMN

PACIFICO



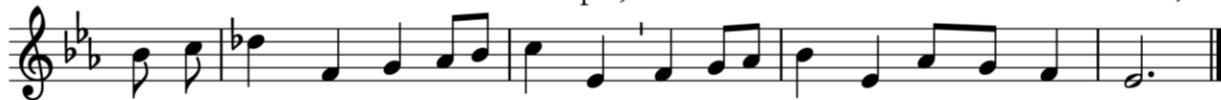
1. There's a wideness in God's mer - cy like the wideness of the sea;
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3. There is grace e - nough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
4. For the love of God is broad - er than the measures of man's mind;



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty.
there is no place where earth's failings have such kind - ly judgement given.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



5. But we make his love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
6. There is plen - ti - ful re - demption in the blood that has been shed;
7. 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus: it is something more than all,—
8. If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



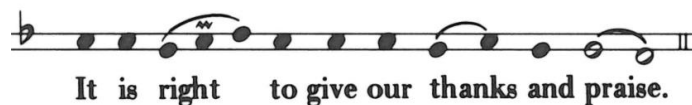
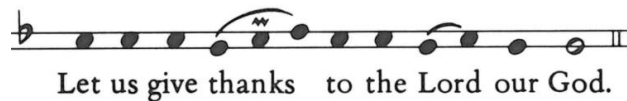
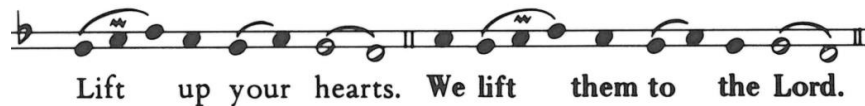
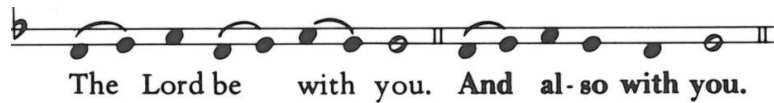
and we mag - ni - fy his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
there is joy for all the members in the sor - rows of the Head.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.
and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweetness of our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God, 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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

New Plainsong

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord,
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
So to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, you may indicate that desire by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O for a closer walk with God

music: C.V. Stanford (1852–1924)
text: W. Cowper (1731–1800)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Please stand as you are able.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All your works praise you, O Lord.

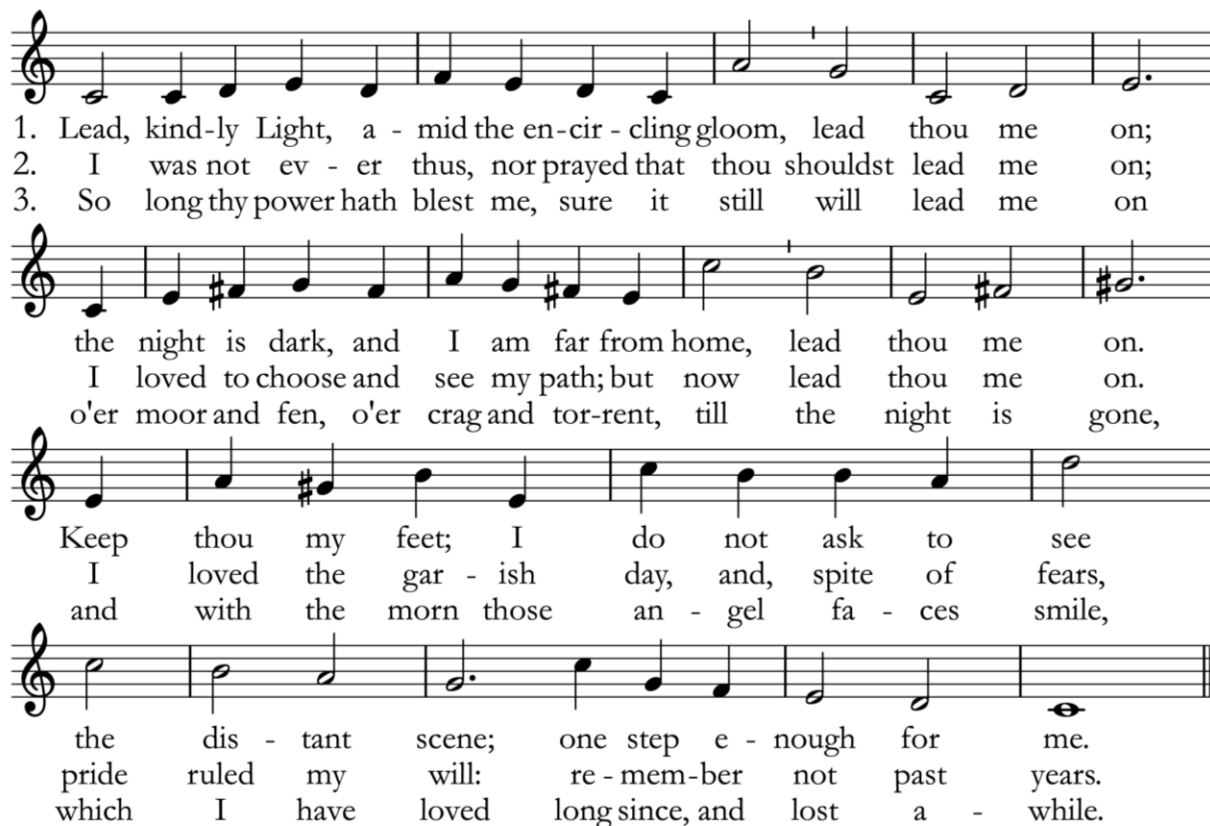
And your faithful servants bless you.

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; 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 NOTICES

THE SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



1. Lead, kind-ly Light, a - mid the en-cir - cling gloom, lead thou me on;
 2. I was not ev - er thus, nor prayed that thou shouldst lead me on;
 3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on

the night is dark, and I am far from home, lead thou me on.
 I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead thou me on.
 o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and tor-rent, till the night is gone,

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
 I loved the gar - ish day, and, spite of fears,
 and with the morn those an - gel fa - ces smile,

the dis - tant scene; one step e - nough for me.
 pride ruled my will: re - mem-ber not past years.
 which I have loved long since, and lost a - while.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the procession leaves the church. We hope you will join us for coffee and refreshments in the Trendell Lounge after the service.

ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

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