

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

March 3rd, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Meditation (Douglas E. Wagner)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 355

All Creatures of our God and King
Verse 4 women only, Verse 5 men only

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

With nature in its power and beauty, with snow and wind and sunshine, with the ancient rocks and the growing trees,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers, the whole world wide, with people in every land, and speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and saints in heaven, with those who first built community here, and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence, and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find home.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens; lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth; Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters; be present among us. As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped, and dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new this day and every day.
Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99



The Lord is king;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 169

Jesus on the Mountain Peak (Tune #239)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

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 about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord with One Consent (G.F. Handel)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith.

We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.

He burned brightly and offended many.

His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.

His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence is kept.

O hidden mystery,

sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, you are there, and we give you thanks.

But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honoured but avoided you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon.

Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry,

God forgives you and what is past, ✠ and enables us to begin again.

So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity,

by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 84

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

All that we have and all that we are, are God's gifts to us. So here we return a token of our wealth, asking that it and all we possess be used to God's glory. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise is yours, holy God, praise beyond all telling. All that we are, all that we have, all that we know, and all that is yet to be, comes from your care.

Water and wisdom, light and longing, the stones in the earth and the hope in our hearts are grounded in your graciousness.

The life of the world and all its people, nature and human skill celebrate you as first mover and final destiny.

Therefore, to the unending song of earth, sea and sky, we join our praise. To the anthems of the company of heaven, the angels and archangels, the saints of every age, we join our praise. And as one with your people on earth, north and south, east and west, we join our praise, singing the song of your eternal greatness:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav'n__ and earth__ are
 full__ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

This sacrament we celebrate began on the night of Jesus' arrest, when he and his disciples gathered round a table. During their meal, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Later, he took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God's coming kingdom.'

As Jesus did, so we do. We break this bread; we share this wine; we believe that he who lived, died and rose again for us will meet us here.

So send now your Spirit among us, ✠ and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service. With all your creation, we give you thanks and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your
will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the king - dom, the
pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Take this bread; share this wine.

In these, Christ comes to us with love from God.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

Laudate Dominum (W.A. Mozart)

Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God, ✠ the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest upon and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonata in A for organ and orchestra, K.225 (W.A. Mozart)

Presider & Preacher The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

Deacon The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

Organist Dr Gordon Johnston

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