

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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This land we are upon is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.



## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9.30 am

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### PRELUDE

*Three Short Chorale Preludes (Peter Hurford)*

### OPENING HYMN 365

*Glory to God on High*

### THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor,  
release for the captives,  
recovery of sight for the blind and  
liberty for those who are oppressed.**

## **BENEDICITE CANADENSIS**

O give thanks to our God who is good:  
**whose love endures for ever.**

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All mountains and valleys, prairies and forests, rivers, lakes and glaciers:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You spruce and pine, maple and birch, mosses and grasses:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Whales and cod, lobster and eels, trout and salmon and pickerel:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Groundhogs and cattle, mosquitos and dragonflies, robins and crows,  
hawks and geese and loons:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You indigenous and immigrant, women and men, all who inhabit  
this great land:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All you saints and martyrs of Canada:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

God of restless fire and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which  
hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your  
kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and  
sisters. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My  
beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of  
stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst  
of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it



at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

# GRADUAL HYMN 556

*O for a Closer Walk with God*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 12:49-56*

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.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

## HYMN 44

*I Believe in God Almighty*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God forgives you. ✠ Be at peace.

**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 73**

*One Bread, One Body*

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Loving God, you have adopted us to be your heirs. Accept all we offer you this day and give us grace to live as faithful witnesses. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; God of mer-cy giv-er of life; earth and sea and  
sky and all that lives de-clare your pres-ence and your  
glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high-est!

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, ✠ feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Silence is kept.*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION**

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,  
**creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; and may the blessing of God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN 397

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

### DISMISSAL

Grace be with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Choralstudie über "Dir, dir Jehova" (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)*

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*Presider & Preacher*  
*Organist*

The Reverend Dr Linda Privitera  
Dr Gordon Johnston

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