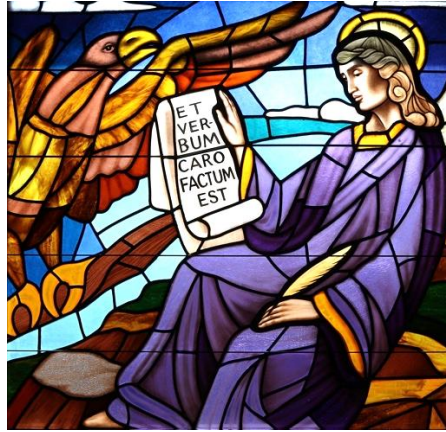


ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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



THE FEAST OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

May 5th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Intermezzo from Sonata III (Felix Mendelssohn)

OPENING HYMN 215

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May his grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

O God, you summon the day to dawn;
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!

For you the valleys will sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!

Your love and justice shall last for ever,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may walk in the light of your truth, and come at last to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

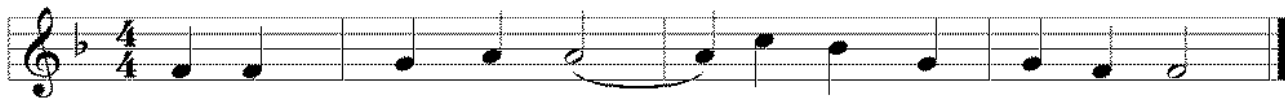
Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30



I will praise you, Lord, for you have res-cued me.

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my god, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
his favour for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favour, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord; I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 239

Jesus Lives! Thy Terrors Now

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 21:1-19

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (Michael Bedford)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God;

who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath;

who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name;

who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
he came in the body to give worth to every human life.

**He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,
and endured slander, persecution and death.**

We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth
through Christ's suffering love.

**He rose from the grave as living proof
that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory.
He ascended to heaven to be present at all times to all people.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
**who leads us into truth and freedom,
who gives good gifts to all God's children,
who works through prayer and politics, through justice,
care of creation and the healing of the nations.**

We celebrate the potential God has given:
**the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls,
the promise of good things in store
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 204

Truly He Comes to Us

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal Light, receive all we offer you this day, that we may share in the wisdom of your eternal Word revealed at this eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came
and the One to whom we will return. You conceived the universe,

wove the world together, and hold all life in your hand.

You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst, and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you. With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you. With the church throughout the world, with all who love Jesus and honour his name, we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav-en 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 highest, — ho- san-na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who was born among us incognito; who grew up without privilege or status; who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world; who told deepest truths in ordinary language. Blessed is he who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favour; who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory; who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried; who, for all this and for all of us, rose again; who, though high in heaven is present with us here and now. Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

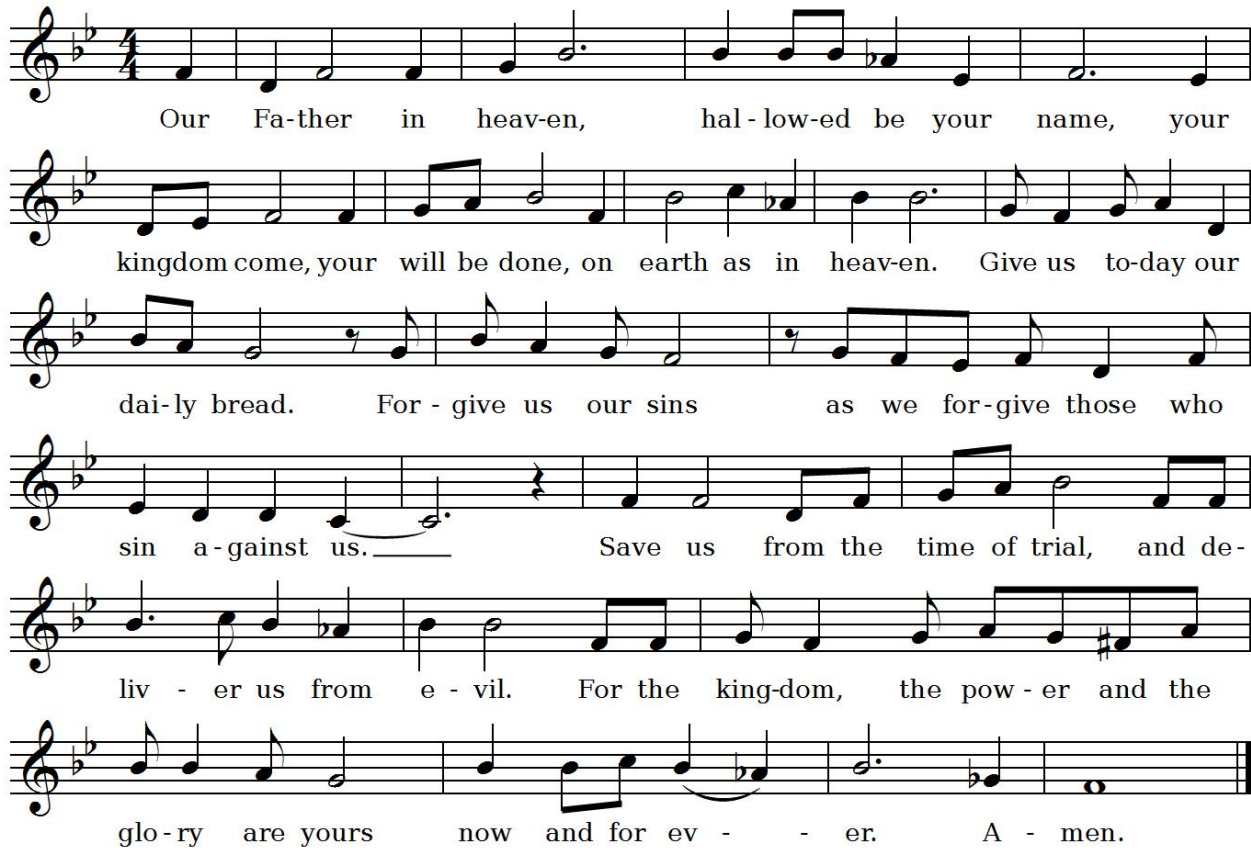
Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us ✕ to settle on this bread and this wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

And let that same Spirit stir our souls, so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him, that he may be in us, and we in him, for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en. Give us to-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.

He who was buried but rose from the dead,
is present to us in this bread.

He, whose wounded hands were offered to the unbelieving,
reaches out to us in this cup.

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

COMMUNION

God Is Here (Glenn Wonnacott)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, your apostle and evangelist John proclaimed the Christ, your Word made flesh among us. May we who have shared the bread of life remain for ever your children, born according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

From where we are to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the familiarity of what we know, to the wonder of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To transform the fabric of this world, until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on. Amen. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the light of God lead you, the power of God hold you, the joy of God heal you, the grace of God caress you, and the love of God bless you, ✠ this day and all your days.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, go forth in the power of the risen Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Bishop's Promenade (Norman Coke-Jephcott)

Presider & Preacher
Organist

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
Dr Gordon Johnston

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