

# 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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Prelude Tune in E (George Thalben-Ball)*

### OPENING HYMN 384

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

### 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.*

Holy One, you breathe the word of love and the promise of new creation into the secret places of our lives. Teach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace; through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

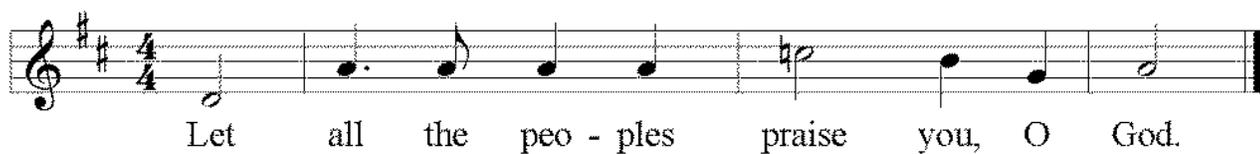
*Acts 16:9-15*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 67



May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. R

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has brought forth her increase;

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5*

And in the spirit, an angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 412**

*O God, Beyond All Face and Form*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*John 14:23-29*

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.**

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the

Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **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 59**

*Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*

# THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. **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.'

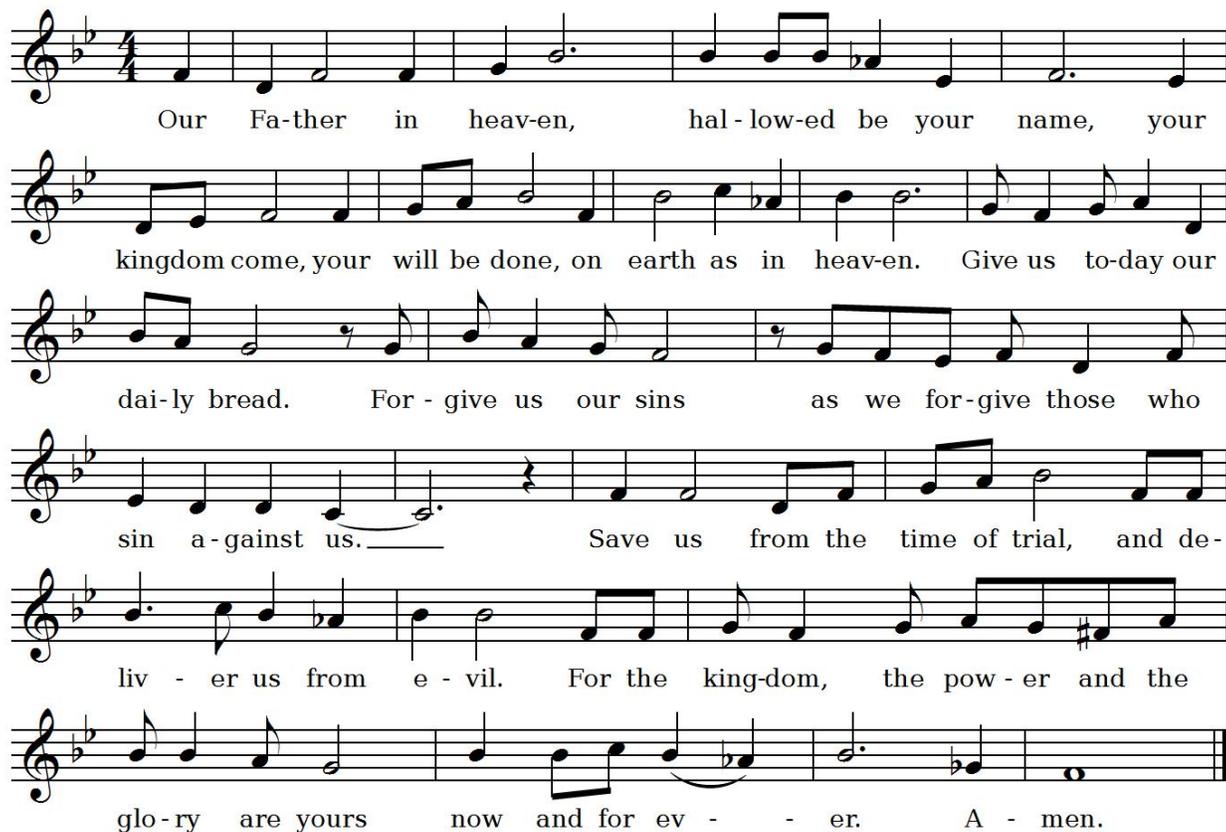
God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us ✕ to settle on this bread and this wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

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

*Cantilena in G (Arthur Foote)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 425

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, go forth in the power of the risen Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

# POSTLUDE

*Pièce héroïque (César Franck)*

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<i>Deacon &amp; Preacher</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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