

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.



EASTER DAY

April 21st, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Aria (Flor Peeters)

OPENING HYMN 203

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death. Fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24



This is the day the Lord has made; let us re-joice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is
exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.
The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 230

The Tomb is Empty! Come and See

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord": and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices (Craig Courtney)

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 231

That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

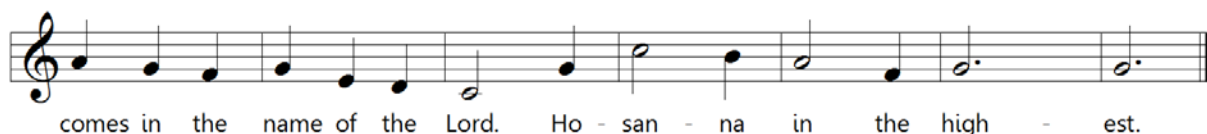
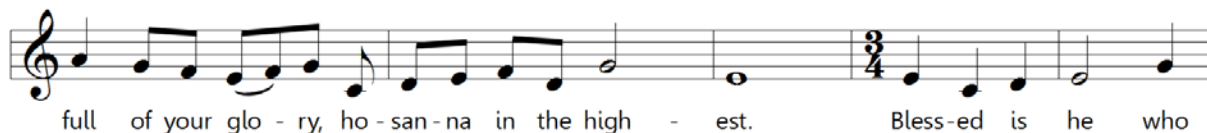
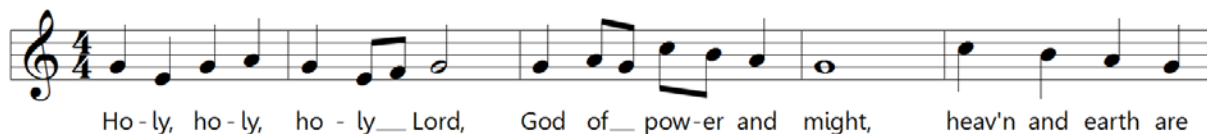
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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'n, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom 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'r 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

The First Easter (Arthur Ward)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of life, bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this 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!

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 210 *Yours Be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son*

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Allegretto (Arcangelo Corelli)

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Deacon
Organist

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
Dr Gordon Johnston

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