

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14th, 2019 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Be Thou But Near (J.S. Bach)

OPENING HYMN 330

O Praise Ye the Lord

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Gracious Spirit, encouraging, yet not coercing –
**thread through time and engender love and compassion in us,
and through us.**

Challenging Spirit, enlightening, yet not constraining –
**thread through time and enlarge knowledge and understanding in us,
and through us.**

Passionate Spirit, empowering, yet not controlling –
**thread through time and enable freedom and justice in us,
and through us.**

Paradoxical Spirit, engaging with us, yet not graspable by us –
**weave together our time and God's time, that we may know God
at work in us, and through us.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy God, whose name is not honoured, where the needy are not served, and the powerless are treated with contempt: may we embrace our neighbour with the same tenderness that we ourselves require; so your justice may be fulfilled in love, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

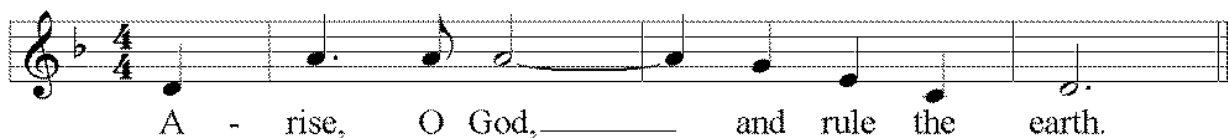
Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82



God takes his stand in the council of heaven;
he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked?"

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;
Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'
Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 649

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

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.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,

and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Triune God your Spirit brings us many different gifts –

forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...

Your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices –

forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...

Your Spirit offers us many different insights –

forgive us when we have considered only the comfortable ones ...

Your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility –

forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now –

give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts, the discernment to hear and respond to your voice,

the understanding to see and follow your patterns,

and the courage to recognise and seize your moments.

Silence is kept.

Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. ✠ So may you grow in knowledge of Christ's Kingdom, deepen in dependence on its grace, and love in accordance with its measures. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 502

You Are Salt for the Earth

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Creator God your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; for the sake of 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 God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in.

So come, whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground. For here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, a place of timeless and timely grace.

And we as inheritors in this time of both the challenge and the comfort, join now with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in the timeless song of praise:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, 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 high-est, ho- san - na in the high - est.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being so that the Word could be everywhere encountered. Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time so that encounter can comfort, challenge and transform us.

And so, through the remembrance gifted to us by the Spirit, we recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. He 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.'

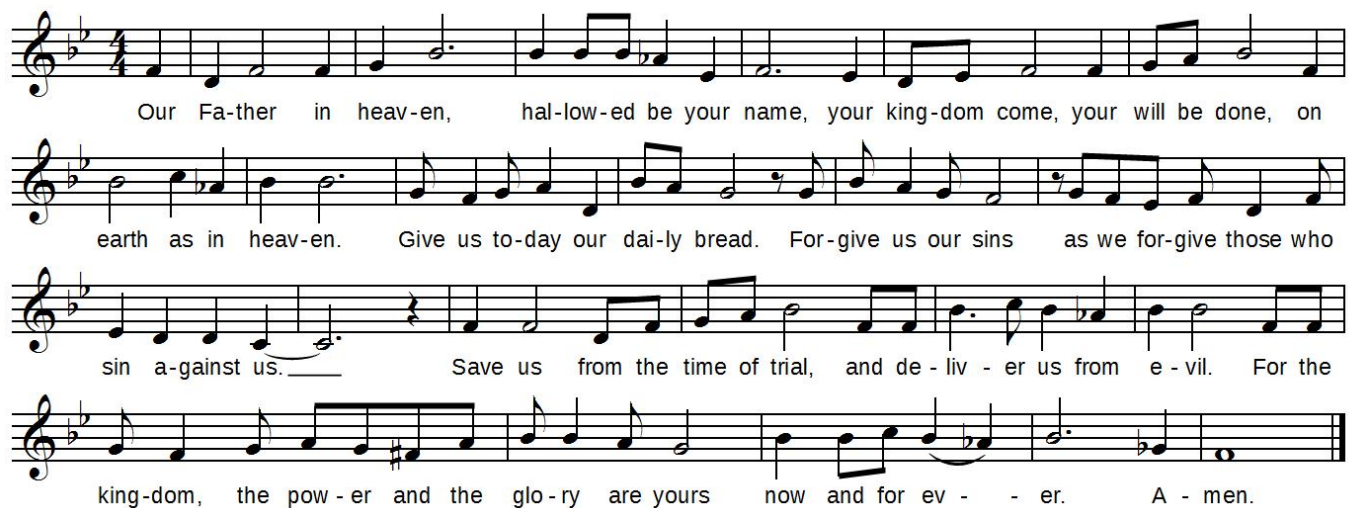
Jesus took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God's coming kingdom.'

We remember how his words and actions disconcerted and dismayed them; but also, how Jesus offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come – breaking open a loaf of bread, and pouring out a cup of wine to share with them as a sign of his Kingdom, and promising them the companionship of the Spirit as they followed its Way.

And as we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them ✠ that we may know both their comfort and their challenge and so find ourselves and our time in turn transformed. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed 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-er and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Here is bread and wine –

touched and transformed by the Spirit.

Come, eat and drink and be healed and strengthened for this time being
and for time to come.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world,
and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation
continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity;

The Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness
stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ;

The Spirit who transformed the disciples
grace and gift us for the task of building God's Kingdom;

The Spirit whom Jesus bequeathed
**continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails,
peace reigns and love directs all. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

And now, may God fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and bless you, ✠ so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 486

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Cathedral" Prelude and Fugue in e minor (J.S. Bach)

Presider & Preacher
Organist

The Venerable Mavis Brownlee
Dr Gordon Johnston

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