

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Prelude on Down Ampney (Henry G. Ley)*

### OPENING HYMN 643

*Holy Spirit, Come With Power*

### 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 Spirit, ignite in us your holy fire: strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Acts 2:1-21*

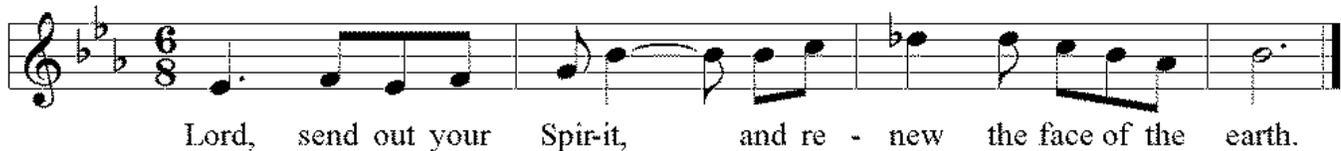
When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 104:25-35



O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
You hide your face, and they are terrified;  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.  
May these words of mine please him;  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

## THE SECOND READING

*Romans 8:14-17*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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## GRADUAL HYMN 635

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

# THE GOSPEL

*John 14:8-17*

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.**

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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 645**

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Giver of life, receive all we offer you this day. Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church continue to work in the world through the hearts of all who believe. We ask this in the name 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 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.

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.’

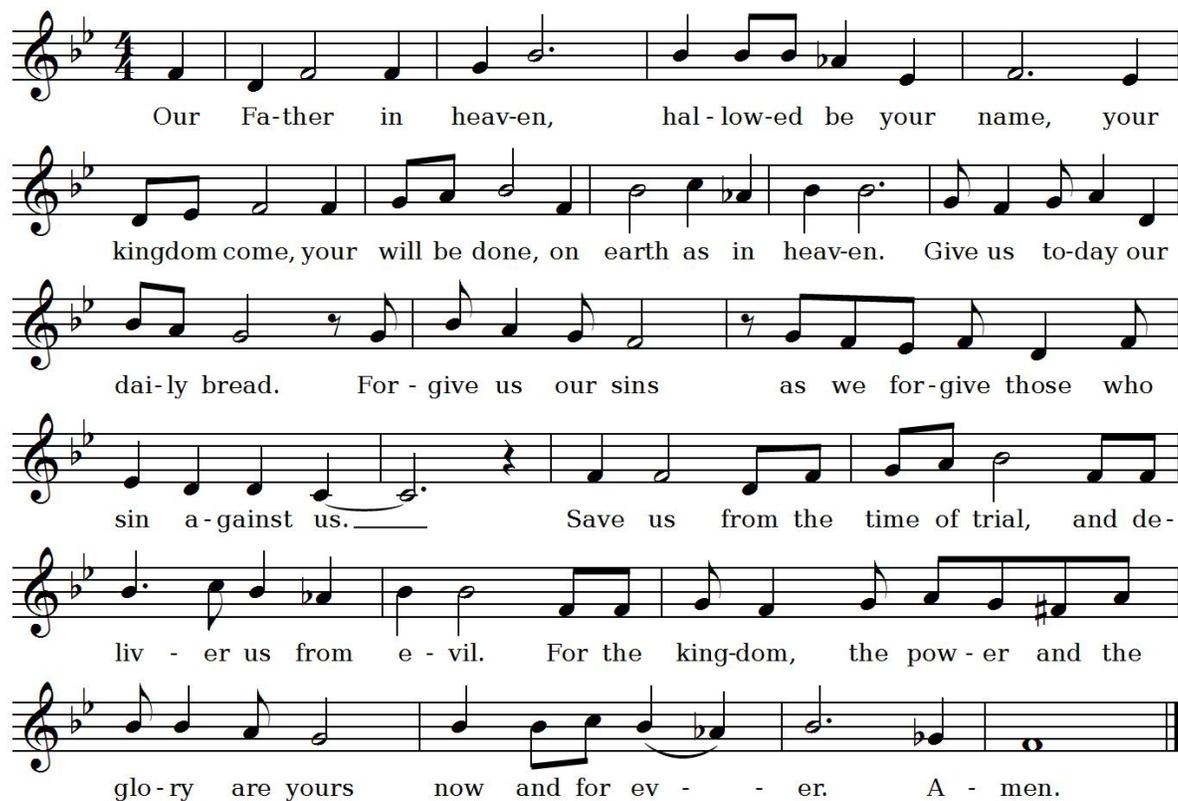
Jesus took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, ‘This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God’s coming kingdom.’

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  
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.*

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.*

Loving God of life, may we who have received this eucharist live in the unity of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may show forth his gifts to all the world. We ask this 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 631**

*The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Dialogue sur "Te Deum" (Denis Bédard)*

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