

# 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.



## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9.30 am

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### PRELUDE

*Elegy (George Thalben-Ball)*

### OPENING HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

### THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

## **BENEDICITE CANADENSIS**

O give thanks to our God who is good:  
**whose love endures for ever.**

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All mountains and valleys, prairies and forests, rivers, lakes and glaciers:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You spruce and pine, maple and birch, mosses and grasses:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Whales and cod, lobster and eels, trout and salmon and pickerel:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Groundhogs and cattle, mosquitos and dragonflies, robins and crows,  
hawks and geese and loons:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You indigenous and immigrant, women and men, all who inhabit  
this great land:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All you saints and martyrs of Canada:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Watchful God, kindle a new flame in our complacent hearts and take from our hands the burden of worthless things, so that we may be ready to receive a greater gift: the love of Jesus Christ, our Servant King. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 1:1, 10–20*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your



lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.  
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old and Sarah herself was barren because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 551**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 12:32-40*

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.**

Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **HYMN 44**

*I Believe in God Almighty*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

God forgives you. ✠ Be at peace. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY HYMN 60

*I Come with Joy*

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our sustainer, receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; God of mer-cy giv-er of life; earth and sea and  
 sky and all that lives de-clare your pres-ence and your  
 glo-ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na in the high-est!

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.**

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, ✠ feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope  
and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.  
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.*

Eternal God, grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,  
**creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; and may the blessing of God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN 210

*Yours Be the Glory*

### DISMISSAL

Grace be with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 558 (J.S. Bach)*

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*Presider & Preacher*  
*Organist*

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