

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.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25th, 2019 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Three Liturgical Preludes (George Oldroyd)

OPENING HYMN 344

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

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.

God of the sabbath, this is the day and this is the hour, when those long oppressed stand with dignity, and when your healing escapes our desire for control: may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loosen each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

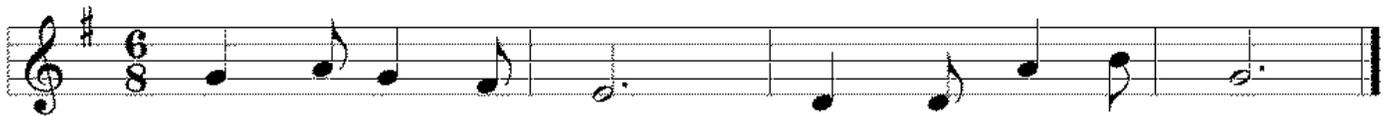
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71:1-6



From my mo - ther's womb, you have been my strength.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18–29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 484

In Christ There Is No East or West

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:10-17

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.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 434

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. 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.*

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 438

O Jesus, I Have Promised (Tune: Thornbury 444)

DISMISSAL

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo VI (Hermann Schroeder)

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Organist

BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher
Dr Gordon Johnston

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