

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER & BAPTISM

June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### DRUM SONGS

*Creator, Gwando Day*

### OPENING HYMN 465

*Gather Us In*

### 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.**

We meet in the name of the true and living God,  
**in this sacred circle, through which all creation is related.**

There is one body and one Spirit,  
**There is one hope in God's call to us.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**One God and Creator of all.**

We give thanks to the Creator for this community, for our baptism and our calling, and for this good land upon which we live and gather, first inhabited, and still unceded, by the Algonquin peoples.

**Teach us, O God, to walk softly on your lands, to use with care your gifts to us, and to love with tenderness all our sisters and brothers who have been born of your goodness.**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. **Amen.**

## PRESENTATION & EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*We present Olive Marie Patricia Maude O'Keefe to receive the sacrament of baptism.*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your saviour? *I do.*

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *I do.*

Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? *I do.*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Olive in her life in Christ? **We will.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

### DRUM SONG

*Cherokee Morning Song*

## THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, loving God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Creator, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

Olive Marie Patricia Maude O'Keefe, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Loving God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder, in all your works. **Amen.**

## **THE GIVING OF LIGHT**

Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 415**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 8:26-39*

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.**

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked

him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 575**

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

God the Creator is here.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors:

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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.

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

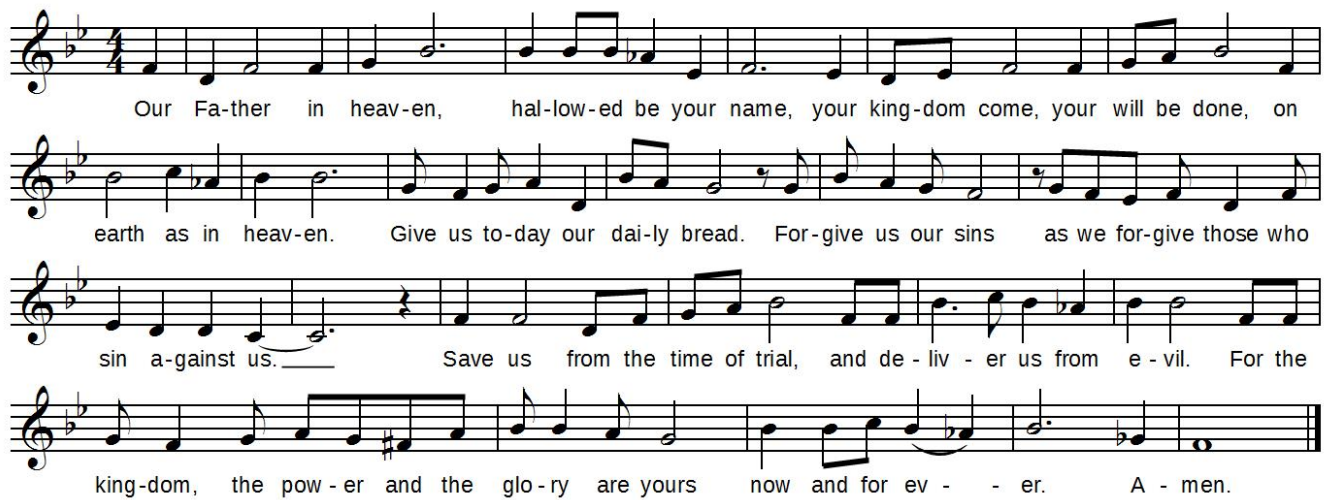
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering. By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. Make us holy, ✠ so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. **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.*

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger.  
**and whoever believes in me shall not thirst.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*Drumming*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Jesus Christ, our leader, you are the Son of the Creator. Today we became your children, today we became your grandchildren. We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. **Amen.**

Great Creator,

**you have fed us with bread from heaven. Continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DRUM SONG

*Anishnabe Kwe*

## BLESSING

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of God; ✠ the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 598

*Go to the World*

## DISMISSAL

In the name of the Light that came into, the world go in peace

**Thanks be to God.**

## DRUM SONG

*A Travelling Song*

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<i>Presider &amp; Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Drummers</i>	Aylmer Drum Group
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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