

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.



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Soliloquy (Robert Cundick)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 379

Rejoice, The Lord is King

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Generous God, we come to you on this day of worship,
a day of rest, a day in community.

A day to be blessed, a day for offering,
a day for welcoming, a day of remembering, a day of reckoning.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

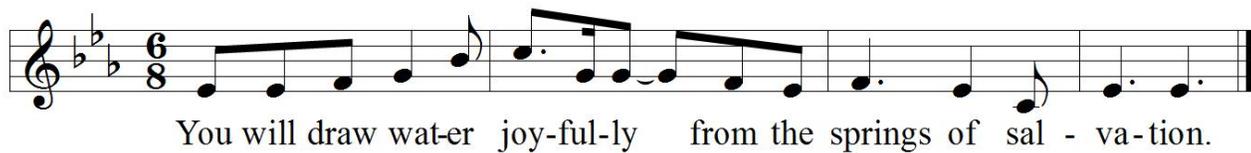
Isaiah 65:17–25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 3 – ISAIAH 12:2-6



Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, beloved in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we

were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 350

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

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.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Te Deum laudamus (Franz Joseph Haydn)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE BLESSING OF ANNA CAMERON & JONATHON McCALLUM'S MARRIAGE

Dear friends, we have come together in the presence of God to celebrate the marriage of Anna and Jonathon and to rejoice with them.

Marriage is a gift of God and a means of God's grace, in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love, they shall grow together and be united in that love, as Christ is united with the Church.

The union of man and woman in heart, body, and mind is intended for their mutual comfort and help, that they may know each other with delight and tenderness in acts of love and that they may be blessed in the procreation, care, and upbringing of children.

In marriage, husband and wife give themselves to each other, to care for each other in good times and in bad. They are linked to each other's families, and they begin a new life in the community.

It is a way of life that all should reverence, and none should undertake lightly.

We pray with them that by God's help Anna and Jonathon may fulfill the Creator's purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

Let us pray.

Loving God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant to these your servants that loving one another, they may continue in your love until their lives' end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anna, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, affirm and renew the commitment you made when you bound yourself to Jonathon in marriage? *I do.*

Jonathon, do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, affirm and renew the commitment you made when you bound yourself to Anna in marriage? *I do.*

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these servants, Anna and Jonathon, that they may so love, honour, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, let us ask God to bless these rings.

Blessed are you, God of steadfast love, source of our joy and end of our hope. Bless these rings given and received that they may be symbols of the vow and covenant Anna and Jonathon have made in holy marriage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord look upon you with favour and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 434

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask 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.

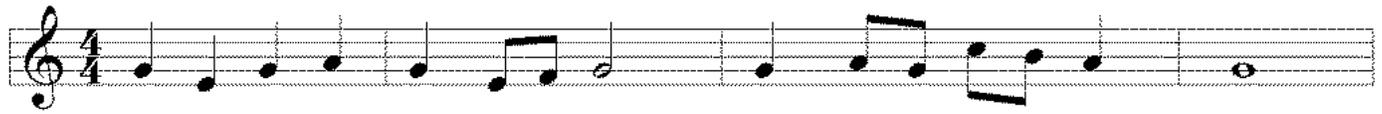
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe where all things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You give us the starry sky above, the sun and the moon and everything that gives us light. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, all the animals and every plant and tree.

You give us love that lasts for ever in your Son Jesus Christ, and in him you bring us close to you. You give us your love, and, even when we are unhappy, you wipe away our tears and fill us with your peace. You give us happy times and things to celebrate; in these we see your kingdom and taste a feast for all to share.

You made us all to love and to serve you; and so we join with the angels to sing your praise



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, loving God, because you sent Jesus, your Son, to be born and to live among us. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

On the night before he died Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples. "This is my body," he said, "given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples. "This is my blood," he said, "poured out for you and for all people to save them from their sins. Do this to remember me."

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit, that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and change us ✕ more and more to be like him

Make us joyful as we celebrate his death for us on the cross and his rising from the dead; and share these gifts which strengthen us to follow him.

Help us to love all people and to work together for that day when all the needs of the world are met, suffering is ended, and the whole of creation is gathered into your loving arms.

With all your saints we give you glory through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

Our Fa-ther in heav'n, hal-losed 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'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Come, I Pray Thee (W.H. Anderson)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

God of generous providing,

you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives: the sacred writings that provide instruction; the community of the church which surrounds us; the love and sacrifice of Jesus; and the faithfulness and inspiration of your Spirit.

We belong to you and all that we have belongs to you. Help us to use all these gifts to share your Good News to the world, as we work to establish your justice and peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God bless you ✕ in your body with health, in your mind with understanding, in your soul with the company of the Holy Spirit, that together we may produce a harvest of light to the glory of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 565

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Sonata in C, K.278 (W.A. Mozart)

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<i>Presider</i>	BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher
<i>Organist & Choirmaster</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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