

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9.30 am

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**PRELUDE**      *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness, BWV 654 (J.S. Bach)*

### 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.**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Exodus 16:2-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." 'And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted,

there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45**

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.  
Search for the Lord and his strength;  
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,  
O offspring of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold;  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
Egypt was glad of their going,  
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering  
and a fire to give light in the night season.  
They asked, and quails appeared,  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.  
He opened the rock, and water flowed,  
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word  
and Abraham his servant.  
So he led forth his people with gladness,  
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations,  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,  
That they might keep his statutes, and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING

*Philippians 1:21-30*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 20:1-16*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**HOMILY**

**SOLO**

*If With All Your Hearts (Felix Mendelssohn)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*During The Peace please remain in your place and acknowledge those around you whilst remaining physically distant.*

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit ✠ and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

## THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain in your pews, the Celebrant will come to you to distribute communion or offer a blessing. All wafers today are gluten-free. Please do not remove your mask to consume the host until the priest has moved at least six feet away from you.*

## COMMUNION

*Angel's Hymn (Rhett Barnwell)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Ruler of the universe all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns; and may the blessing of God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen**

## DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Paul Manz)*

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*Reader*  
*Cantor*

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