

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 25th, 2020 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Healey Willan)

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.

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, so that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works
and your splendour to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

HOMILY

SOLO

En prière (Gabriel Fauré)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Jesus have mercy on us.

We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you, have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Hear the good news: your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin. ✠ With glad hearts, return praise to God. **Amen.**

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 constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; 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 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:

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.

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 taught us, let us pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D (Healey Willan)

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