

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.



ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1st, 2020 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Largo, Aria and Variations (Michael Christian Festing)

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.

Vulnerable God, you challenge the powers that rule this world through the needy, the compassionate, and those who are filled with longing. Make us hunger and thirst to see right prevail, and single minded in seeking peace; that we may see your face and be satisfied in you, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10,22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me, and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

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

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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 Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ORGAN SOLO

O How Happy Are the Faithful (Johannes Brahms)

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

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. 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.

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for 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**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 (J.S. Bach)

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The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
Dr Gordon Johnston

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