

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9.30 am

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### PRELUDE

*Adagio from Sonata III (Alexandre Guilmant)*

### 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 loving God, keeper of the vineyard, support your people by your Holy Spirit, so that we may bring forth the fruits of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, the eternal vine. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.  
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.  
Who can tell how often he offends?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Philippians 3:4B-14*

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

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.**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of Christ.

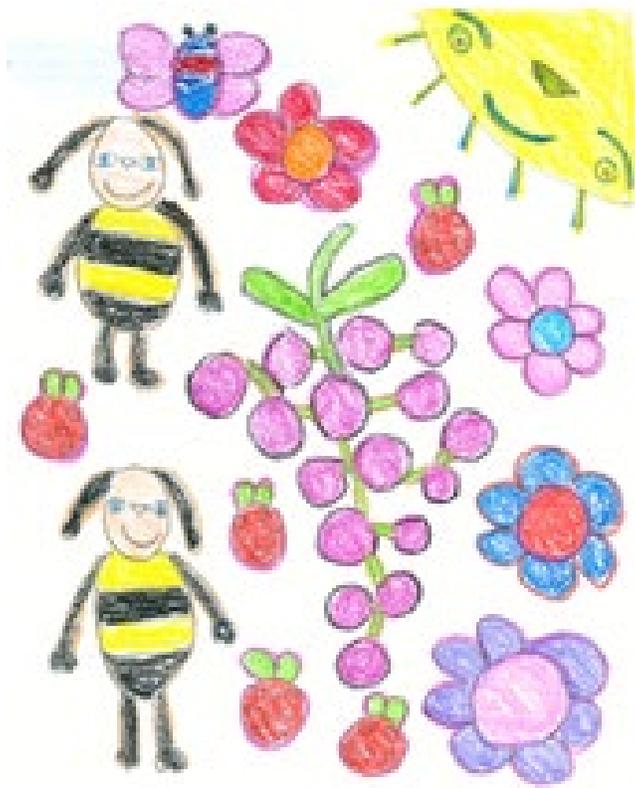
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

## **ORGAN SOLO**

*Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (J.S. Bach)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



## A SUNDAY SCHOOL DRAWING ON ISAIAH 5:1-7

### 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 truth, receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.*

Almighty God, may we who have been strengthened by this eucharist remain in your steadfast love, and show in our lives the saving mystery that we celebrate. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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**

*Intermezzo VI (Hermann Schroeder)*

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*Presider & Preacher*      The Venerable Pat Johnston  
*Deacon & Intercessor*      The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros  
*Organist*                      Dr Gordon Johnson

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