

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Largo, Aria and Variations (Michael Christian Festing)*

### OPENING HYMN 381

*Praise My Soul*

### GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Here let heaven and earth embrace;  
**here may God's people find home.**

### THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

*Isaiah 9:1-4*

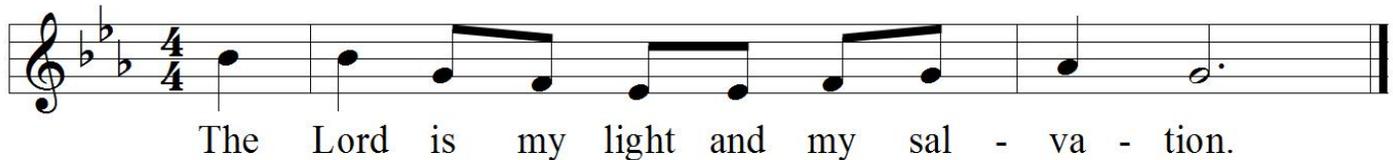
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter

time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 27:1,5-13**



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;  
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.  
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness  
will sing and make music to the Lord.

I Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call have mercy on me and answer me.  
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.  
You have been my helper, cast me not away  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos',

or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 619**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 4:12-23*

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.**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*The Heavens are Telling (Franz Joseph Haydn)*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God,  
**in whom is power and compassion.**

**We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe,  
set solar systems dancing into space, shaped molecules and mountains,  
and conceived beauty beyond our imagining.**

**God's power topples tyrants, and brings down walls of separation;  
God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father,  
encouraging and caring for each one of us.**

**We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land;  
a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief.  
He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil,  
spoke the truth with courage and clarity,  
forgave his enemies and changed lives.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us,  
opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness.  
Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE PEACE**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 171**

*What Does The Lord Require?*

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

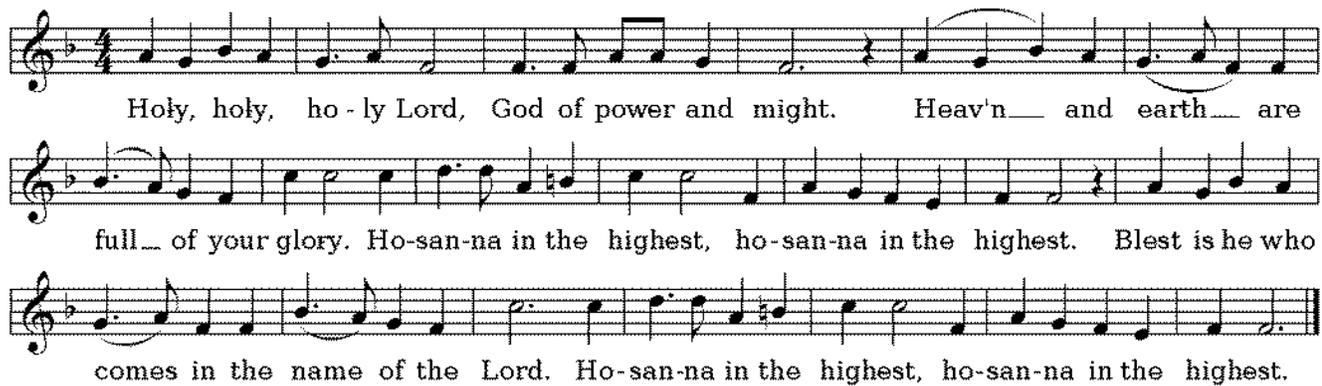
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Creator.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We love you, Holy God. We love you for the feast that is life: friendships and laughter, intimacy and trust, moments of discovering deep truth, hidden potentials we never knew we had, and beauty – serene beauty and rugged beauty, the world you have crafted and the words, the sounds, the colours with which people reflect and explore life.

We love you, holy God, for not leaving us alone, because in Jesus you became tangible: hands touched him, tears touched him, generosity touched him. And he has touched us. That is why we are here.

That is why across time and eternity we sing because we cannot keep silent:



Holy, holy, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Ho-san-na in the highest, ho-san-na in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the highest, ho-san-na in the highest.

God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net, summoned to your table.

It was on a night when old, familiar stories were retold, that Jesus and his friends engaged in the sacred meal which Jews call Passover.

During that meal, rich in food and in memory, Jesus took a piece of bread. After he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

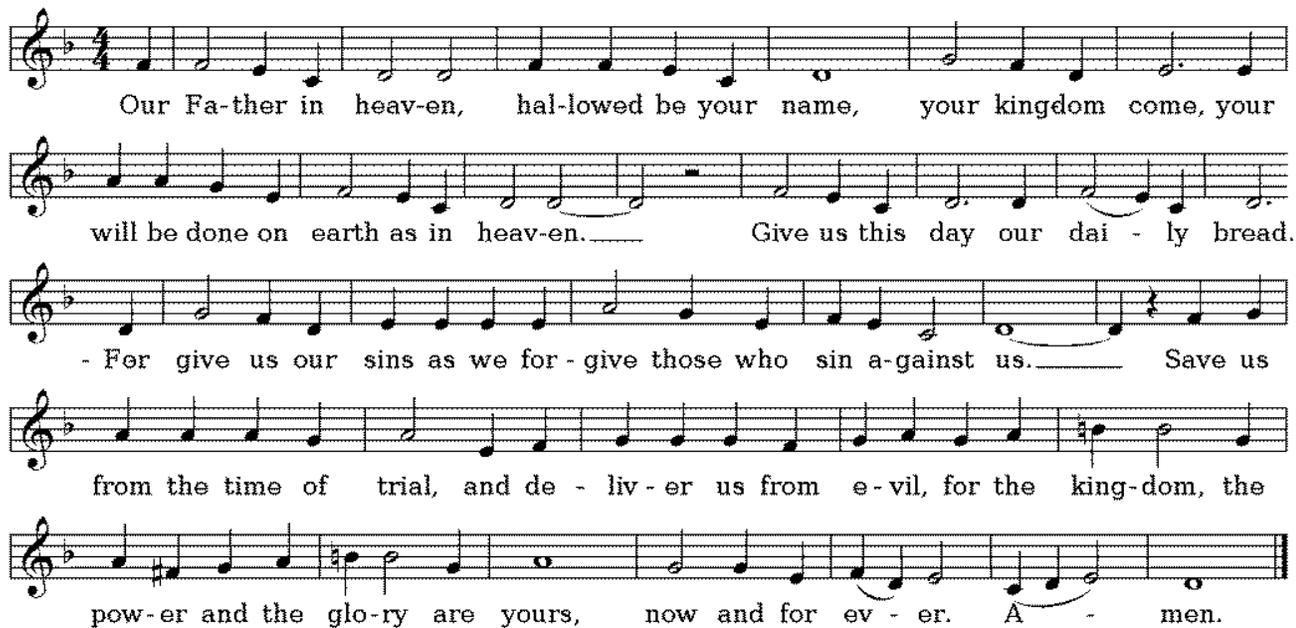
Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine, and having given thanks over it, he gave it to his disciples with the words, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me.'

As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality, God, let your Spirit move among us ✕ and be present in the food we share so that this bread and wine become for us the living presence of Jesus.

Open our eyes to see him, our ears to hear him, our hands to hold him, our hearts to receive him, our souls to cherish him. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-owed be your name, your kingdom come, your  
will be done on earth as in heav-en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread.  
- For give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a-against us. Save us  
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the  
pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

As Jesus broke bread,  
**we break this bread.**

As Jesus took wine,  
**we take this cup.**

As his first disciples shared communion in an upstairs room,  
**we share these gifts and feed on them in our hearts with love and gratitude.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE COMMUNION

*Tantum ergo (Charles-Marie Widor)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Praise to you, Jesus Christ, God in human form. You show us the fullness of life; help us to find this life for ourselves and for others. **Amen.**

Generous God,  
**in our world some hunger for food, and others for meaning; you have blessed this place and time, where we have been fed in many ways; bless us now, as we go on – sharing food for the journey, finding companions on the way. Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Now go from here – may the Creator go with you, Christ companion you, the Spirit enliven you, and the Trinity bless you, ✠ so that you may know God's presence today and every day. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 486

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Processional (William Mathias)*

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<i>Preacher</i>	The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist &amp; Choirmaster</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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