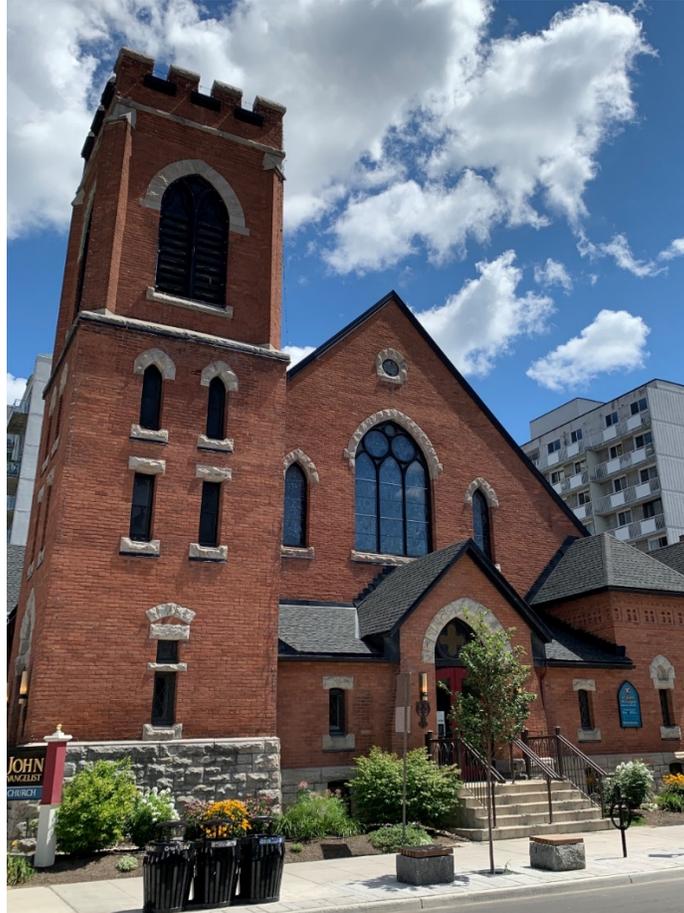


# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9.30 am

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### PRELUDE

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness (Johannes Brahms)*

### 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.*

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties through the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Exodus 17:1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable;  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds  
and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day,

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## THE SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:1-13*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:23-32*

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 entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not

believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **SOLO**

*How Can I Keep From Singing (Robert Lowry)*

## **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

Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same 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

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.*

"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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of 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

*Overture, from Music for the Royal Fireworks  
(George Frideric Handel)*

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<i>Presider &amp; Preacher</i>	The Venerable Pat Johnston
<i>Deacon &amp; Intercessor</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnson

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