

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / JERUSALEM SUNDAY / MOTHERS DAY

May 13th, 2018
10.15 am

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 247

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

Alleluia!

This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

Alleluia!

This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

Alleluia!

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

THE COLLECTS OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Gracious God, in the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have given us eternal life and glorified your name in all the world: refresh our souls with the living stream of your truth, so that in our unity, your joy may be complete. **Amen.**

We pray, O God, your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. We pray this in the name of our merciful Saviour, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

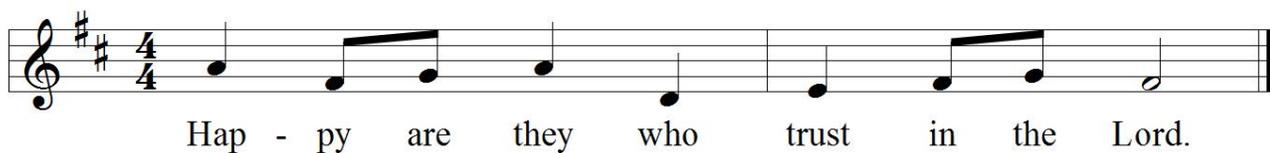
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 572

Let There Be Light

THE GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is

truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Christ, Being Raised From the Dead (Keith Bissell)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BLESSING OF A CIVIL MARRIAGE

Clifford and Maura do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, affirm and renew the commitment you made when you bound yourself each to the other in marriage?

We do, and we ask God to bless our marriage.

Let us pray

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and the Church. Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, Clifford and Maura, that they may so love, honour, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their life together might be a sign and a source of your blessing and peace.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord look upon you with favour and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you! They were overjoyed on seeing the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 278

Jerusalem, the Golden

**“I REMEMBER MY
MOTHER’S PRAYERS
AND THEY HAVE ALWAYS
FOLLOWED ME. THEY
HAVE CLUNG TO ME ALL
MY LIFE.”**

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

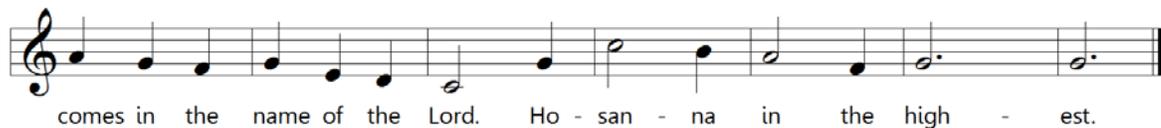
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, loving God, in every place and at all times. All power is yours. You created the heavens and established the earth; you sustain in being all that is. In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange. He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:



Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you.

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

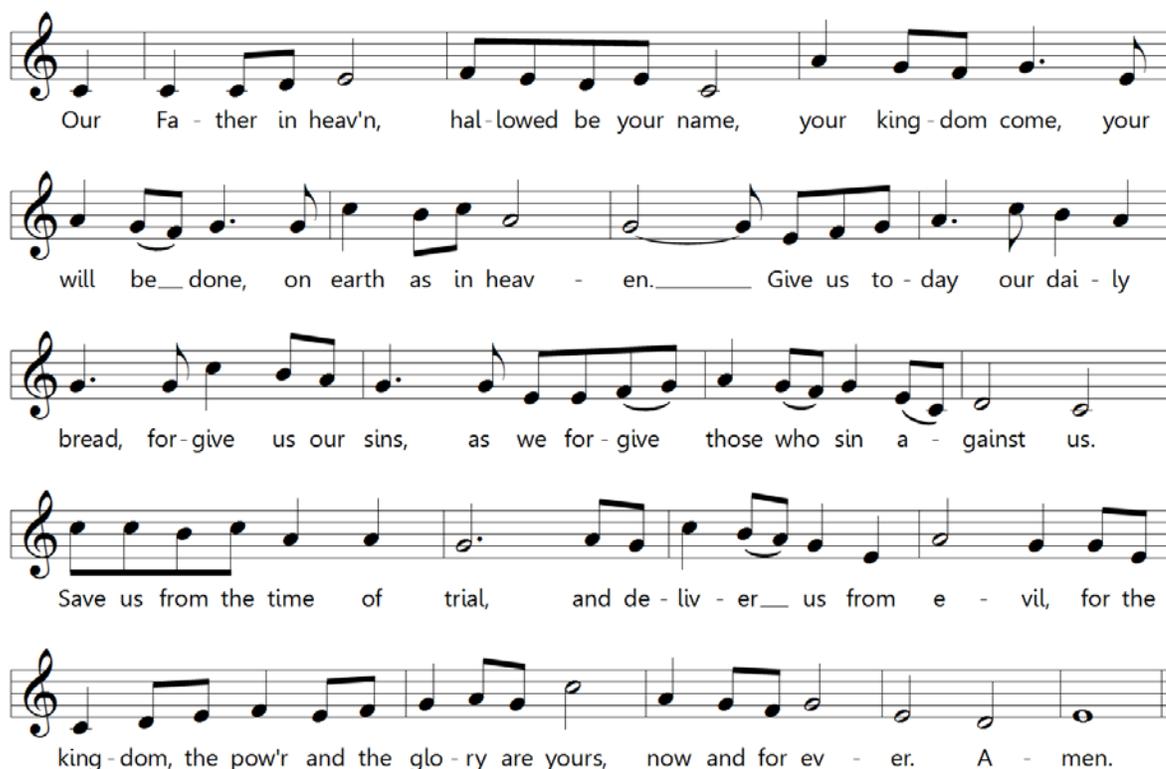
We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us ✠ and upon this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Evangelist, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Thanks be to God.

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

THE COMMUNION

The Sinner's Redemption (Gordon Johnston)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. **Amen.**

God of truth,

**we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May the peace of God that passes your understanding, the light of God that is beyond
your seeing, and the love of God which transcends your knowing, rest and abide within
you, and bless you, ✠ this day and evermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 598

Go to the World

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Presider
Preacher & Deacon
Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch
The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
BGen (ret'd) the Venerable John Fletcher

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LET US CELEBRATE JERUSALEM SUNDAY!

Jerusalem Sunday on May 13, 2018 is an annual church observance to celebrate companionship in God's mission with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in Jerusalem, Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. The Diocese is a historic and active member of the Christian, ecumenical and interfaith community of the Middle East. It is home to several thousand Arab Anglicans in thirty parishes and situated in one of the world's holiest destinations for Christian, Jewish and Muslim pilgrims.

Regrettably, few religious tourists to the Holy Land today encounter Palestinian and other Arab Christians, or visit a parish church, school or hospital. *Jerusalem Sunday* introduces us to the 'living stones' of the local Anglican church, to the ancestors of the first Christian communities indigenous to the region. Jerusalem Sunday is an opportunity to meet Arab sisters and brothers in Christ in the Anglican Communion, and hear them talk about discipleship (<http://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday/>).

The ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem bring hope, skills, health; a peaceful future to those they serve. *Jerusalem Sunday* is also an opportunity for Anglicans in Canada to send a measure of financial support to these ministries, especially the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children (www.basma-centre.org/). The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre provides a wide range of support services to the children and adults of East Jerusalem living with disabilities. Key aspects of its work include programs for children with severe hearing impairment, autism and a mainstreaming school which teach children in integrated classrooms. Jerusalem Sunday offerings will provide support to the Children's Hydrotherapy Program.

Offerings can be sent by cheque to:

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