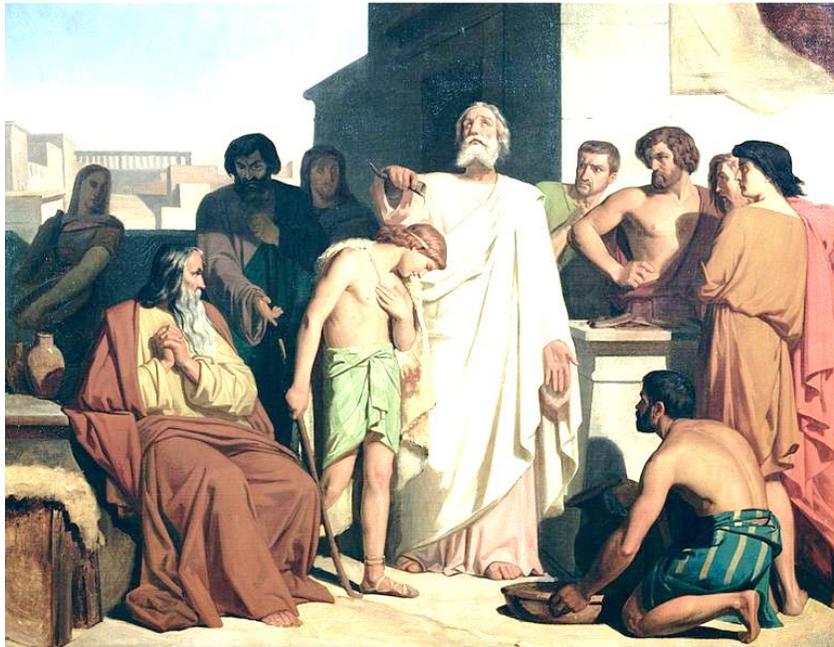


ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / FATHER'S DAY

June 17th, 2018 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 381

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

GATHERING

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.*

Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. May your life-giving Spirit re-create us in your image and shape us into your purposes, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and

brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 20



May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his holy place
and strengthen you out of Zion.

May the Lord remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans.

We will shout for joy at your victory, and triumph in the name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests.

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

They collapse and fall down, but we will arise and stand upright.
O Lord, give victory to the King and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the

judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 551

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

THE GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 434

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of reconciliation and forgiveness, the saving work of Christ has made our peace with you. May that work grow toward its perfection in all we offer you this day. We ask this in his name. **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.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin,

you did not cease to care for us,

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants

Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;

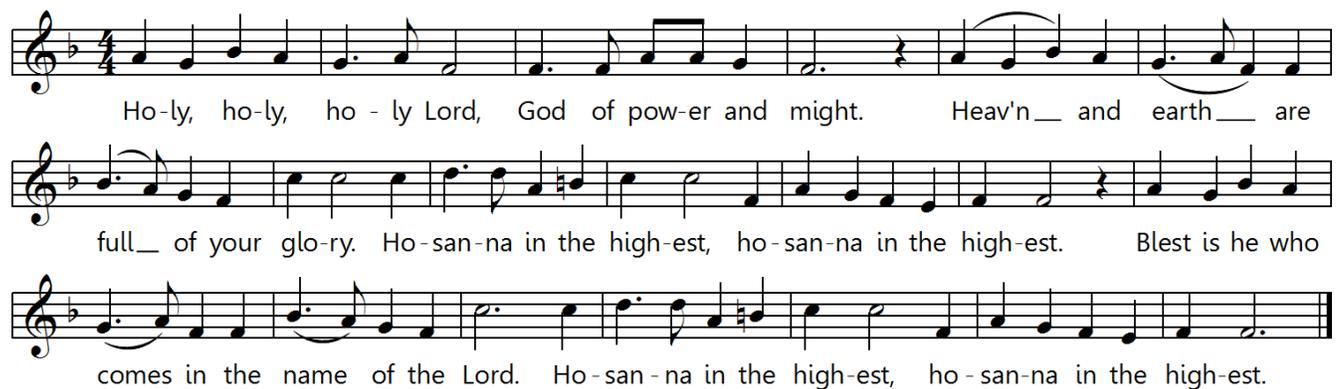
through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav'n___ and earth___ are
 full___ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.
 In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
 to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
 to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.
 He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
 he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your
 kingdom to the poor and to those in need.
 In all things, he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took
 bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his
 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this
 for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he
 gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new
 covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

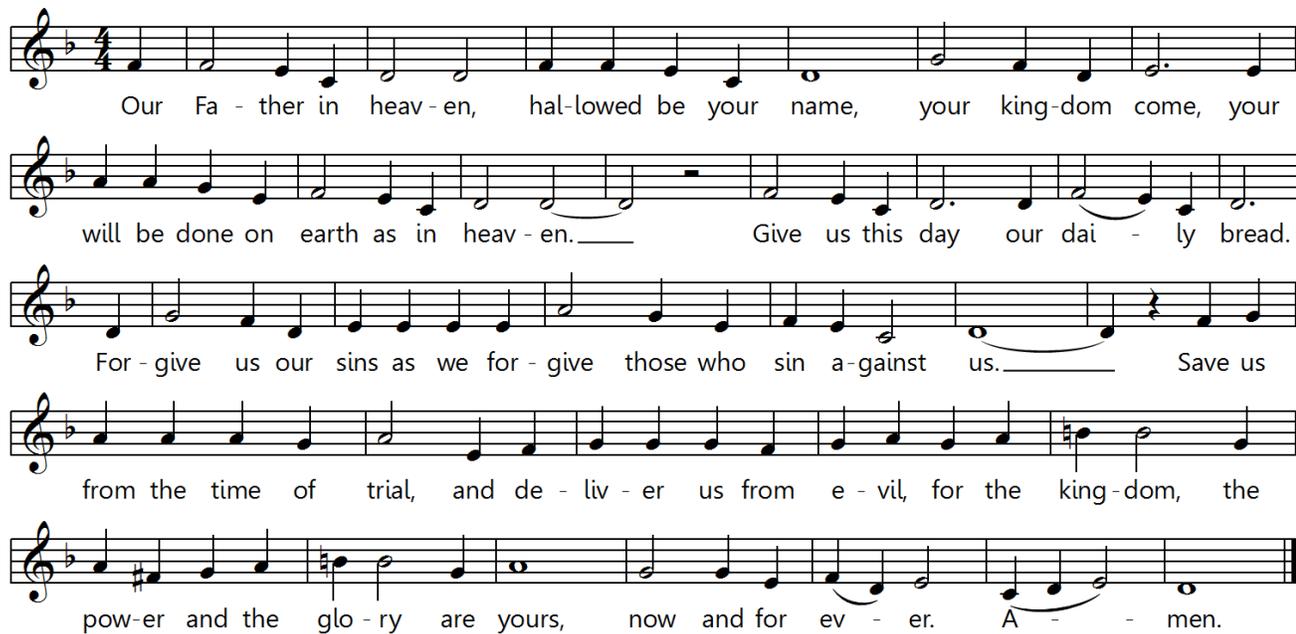
Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by
 raising him to life you give us life for evermore.
 Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming
 again in glory, we offer you, gracious God, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us ✠ and upon these gifts, that all who eat and
 drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in
 Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity
 of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom 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 - gainst 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.

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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son,
guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our
lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God,
**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or
imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ
Jesus, for ever and ever. 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 374

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

DISMISSAL

Grace be with you, go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Presider & Preacher
Organist

BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher
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