

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

## LOVE GROW SERVE



### THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 10.15 am

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#### PRELUDE

*Plaintive Air (Laurence Lyon)*

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 380

*O Worship the King*

#### 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.*

O God, protector of the poor and defender of the just: give us wisdom from above, so that we may find in your servant Jesus the pattern of true discipleship and persevere in following him, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE FIRST READING

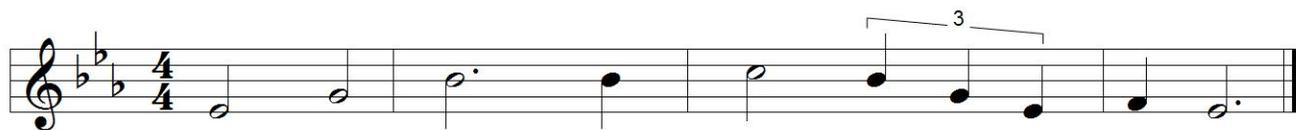
*Proverbs 31:10-31*

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 1



Love's Light breaks through hearts filled with il - lu-sions.

Blessed are those  
    who walk hand in hand  
        with goodness,  
    who stand beside virtue,  
    who sit in the seat of truth;  
For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,  
    and in Love's heart they dwell  
        day and night.  
They are like trees planted by  
    streams of water,  
    that yield fruit in due season,  
    and their leaves flourish;

And in all that they do, they give life.  
The unloving are not so;  
    they are like dandelions which  
        the wind blows away.

Turning from the Heart of Love  
    they will know suffering and pain.  
They will be isolated from wisdom;  
    for Love knows the way of truth,  
    the way of ignorance will perish  
as Love's penetrating Light  
    breaks through hearts  
    filled with illusions:  
    forgiveness is the way.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*James 3:13-4:3, 7-8A*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 555**

*O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 9:30-37*

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.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*Jesus Calls Us (Joel Martinson)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 84**

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

# THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

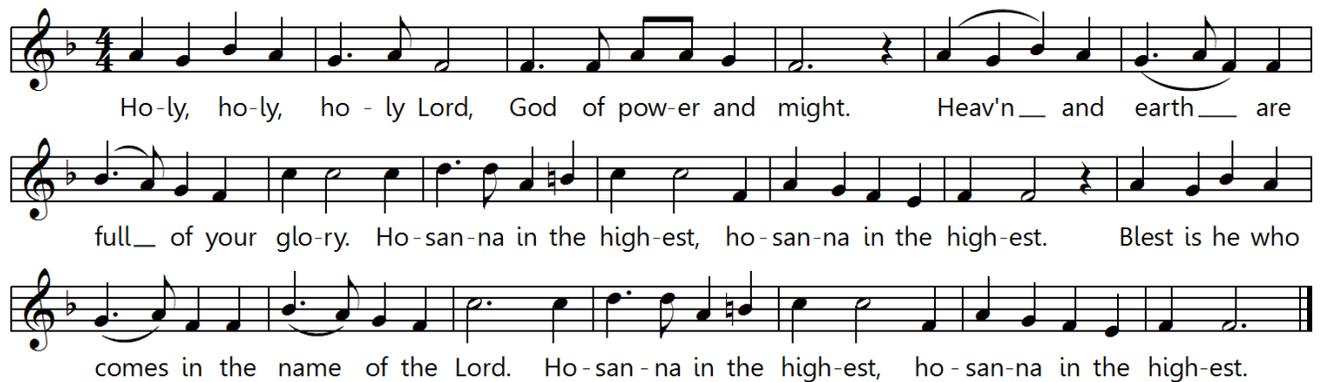
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you:



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.

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time, you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, ✠ that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

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.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## 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

*Steal Away to Jesus (arr. Gordon Johnston)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Creator of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same 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

The Lord bless you ✠ and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favour and grant you peace. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 602

*Lift High the Cross*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Moderato, from Six Voluntaries (Robert J. Powell)*

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*Presider & Preacher*

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

*Deacon*

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

*Organist*

Dr Gordon Johnson

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