

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa

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This land we are upon is the traditional territory of the Algonquin people.



## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Solemn Melody (H. Walford Davies)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 345

*King of Glory, King of Peace*

### GATHERING

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning  
and without end, in our midst and with us.

**God is with us, here we find new life.**

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

**Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight  
for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.**

### BENEDICITE CANADENSIS

O give thanks to our God who is good:  
**whose love endures for ever.**

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All mountains and valleys, prairies and forests, rivers, lakes and glaciers:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You spruce and pine, maple and birch, mosses and grasses:  
**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Whales and cod, lobster and eels, trout and salmon and pickerel:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Groundhogs and cattle, mosquitos and dragonflies, robins and crows,  
hawks and geese and loons:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

You indigenous and immigrant, women and men, all who inhabit  
this great land:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

All you saints and martyrs of Canada:

**give to our God your thanks and praise.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

You who are, who were, who are to come, before whose judgement all that is not love fades away: save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts, so that we may hear a different voice and belong to you in truth; through Jesus Christ, the wounded king of all. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

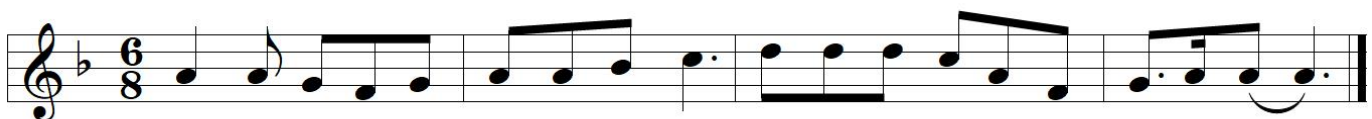
*2 Samuel 23:1-7*

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 132:8-13**



Lord, go up to the place of your rest, you and the ark of your ho - li - ness.

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.  
For your servant David's sake,  
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

The Lord has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:  
"A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.  
If your children keep my covenant  
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,  
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 383**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*John 18:33-37*

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.**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

### **ANTHEM**

*The Last Words of David (Randall Thompson)*

*He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.  
And he shall be as the light of the morning when the sun riseth,  
even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth  
by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. 2 Samuel 23:3,4*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 375**

*At the Name of Jesus*

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

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 offer thanks and praise.**

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new.

In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; God of mer-cy giv-er of life; earth and sea and  
sky and all that lives de - clare your pres-ence and your  
glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high-est!

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

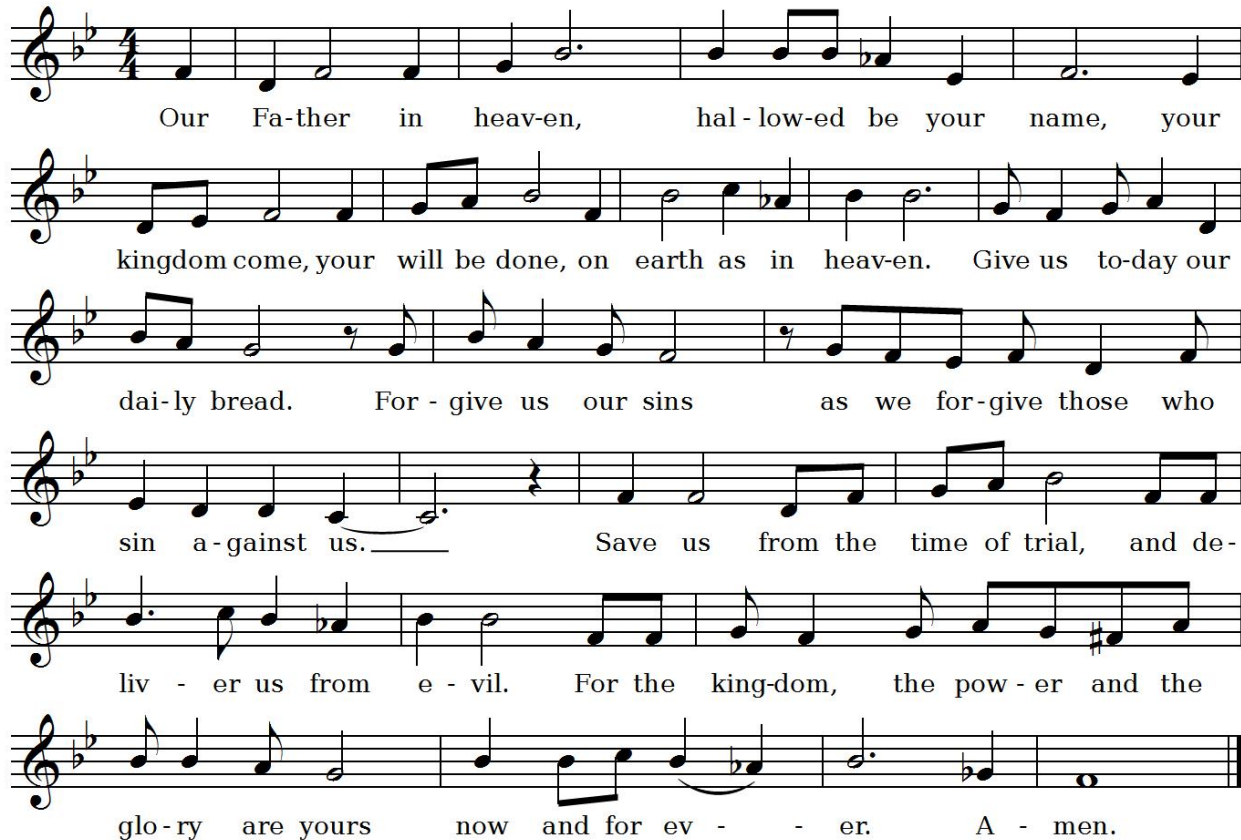
Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, ✠ feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches, we pray



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
kingdom 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 - er and the  
glo-ry are yours now and for ev - - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

**May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

**Thanks be to God!**

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

## THE COMMUNION

*Christ is the King (Gordon Johnston)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,

**we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. 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 322

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

# DISMISSAL

Grace be with you, go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune (David German)*

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*Presider & Preacher*

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

*Deacon*

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

*Organist*

Dr Gordon Johnston

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