

# 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.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Adagio from Sonata III (Alexandre Guilmant)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 101

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And also with you.**

"In that region there were shepherds living in the fields,  
keeping watch over their flock by night.  
Then an angel of the Lord stood before them,  
and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.  
But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid;  
for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.'"

Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good,  
steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home,  
doing the job no one wants.

And yet God saw them, God valued them,  
and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

**Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us,  
back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands,  
those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival,  
the ones who have much to teach us  
about watching for God in the darkness.**

On this second Sunday in Advent,  
we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds,  
agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.

*The first and second candles are lit.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts, lighting the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Baruch 5:1-9*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 19

*Luke 1:68-79*



Pre - pare! \_\_\_\_\_ Pre - pare! \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-prepare the way of the Lord!

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Philippians 1:3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 103**

*On Jordan's Bank*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 3:1-6*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*Christ is the Morning Star (John Rutter)*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

God is love and we are God's children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because he loved us first.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Creator,

**we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God, who is both power and love, forgives you, ✠ frees you from your sins, heals and strengthens you by his Spirit, and raises you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 106**

*There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

# THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of 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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

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

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. — Ho- san - na in the  
high - est. — Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
— Ho-san - na in the highest, — ho- san - na in the high - est.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, 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."

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 with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

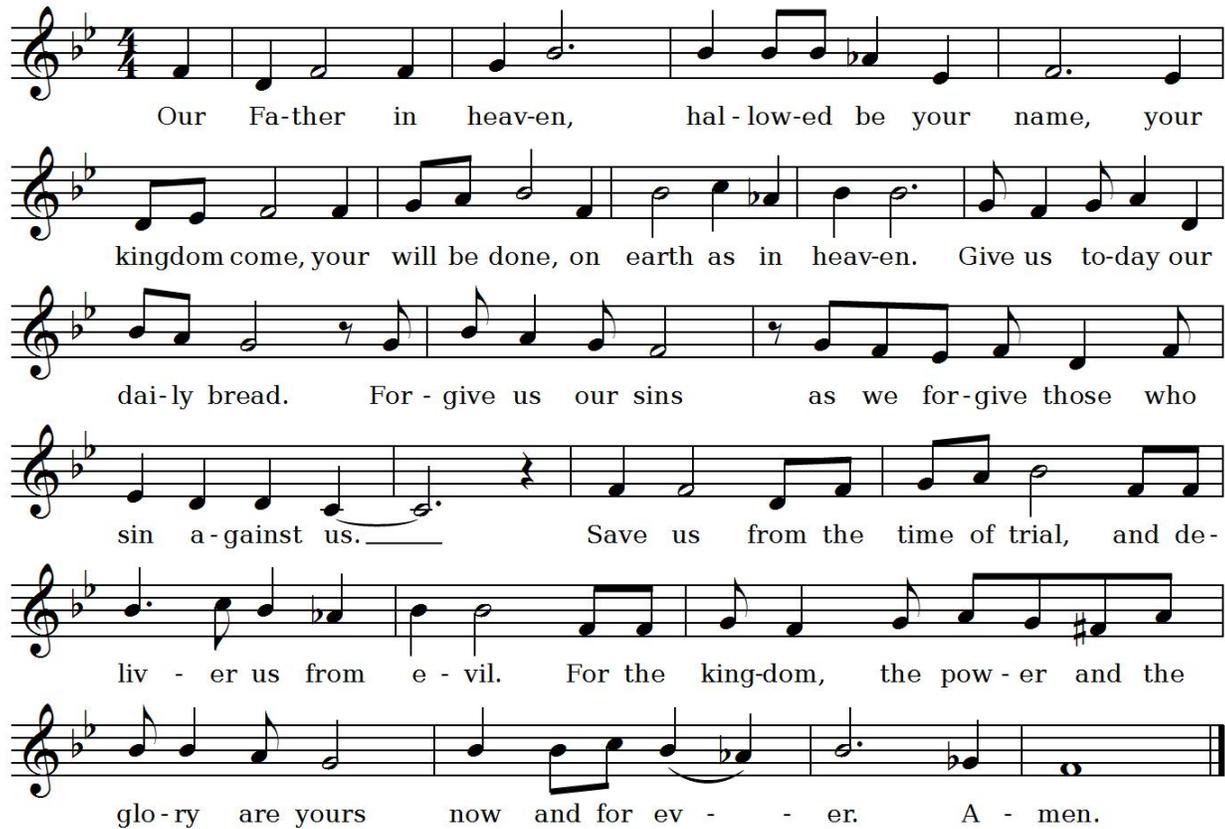
Hear us, most merciful God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us ✠ and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, 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 Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour has taught us, so 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 living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*O Come to My Heart (Gordon Johnston)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God,  
**your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son. May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom, live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from before your path;  
and the blessing of God be upon you ✠ this day and always.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 111

*Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune and March (Jeremiah Clarke)*

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