

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Jesus, My Great High Priest; Let All Together Praise Our God  
(Healey Willan)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 323

*Ye Holy Angels Bright*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

**May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

With nature in its power and beauty, with snow and wind and sunshine, with the ancient rocks and the growing trees,

**we gather in praise of God.**

With believers and seekers, the whole world wide, with people in every land, and speakers of every language,

**we gather in praise of God.**

With the angels and saints in heaven, with those who first built community here, and with all who have worshipped in this place,

**we gather in praise of God.**

With Jesus who promised his presence, and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

**we gather in praise of God.**

Here let heaven and earth embrace;

**here may God's people find home.**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens; lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth; Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters; be present among us. As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped, and dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new this day and every day. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 1:1-5, 20-28, 31*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind,

with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

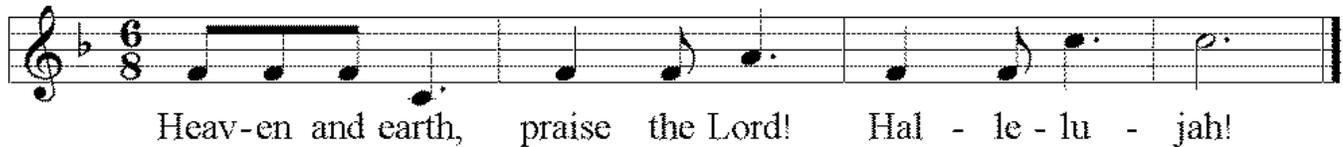
Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 148



Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.  
Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;  
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 13:1-8a*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

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**Thanks be to God.**

# GRADUAL HYMN 427

*All Beautiful the March of Days*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 4:21-30*

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.**

Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*Exsultate justi (Ludovico Viadana)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith.

**We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky,  
who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who  
talked to children, who made friends with sinners.**

**He burned brightly and offended many.**

**His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.**

**His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures,  
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,  
committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone,  
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice,  
brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*Silence is kept.*

O hidden mystery,  
**sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch,  
in everyone we meet, you are there, and we give you thanks.  
But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation,  
where we have not honoured but avoided you in one another,  
where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us,  
and hear our plea for your pardon.**

Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry, God forgives you ✠ and what is past, and enables us to begin again. So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity, by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker, to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all. **And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 84**

*Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour*

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

All that we have and all that we are, are God's gifts to us. So here we return a token of our wealth, asking that it and all we possess be used to God's glory. **Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

## We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

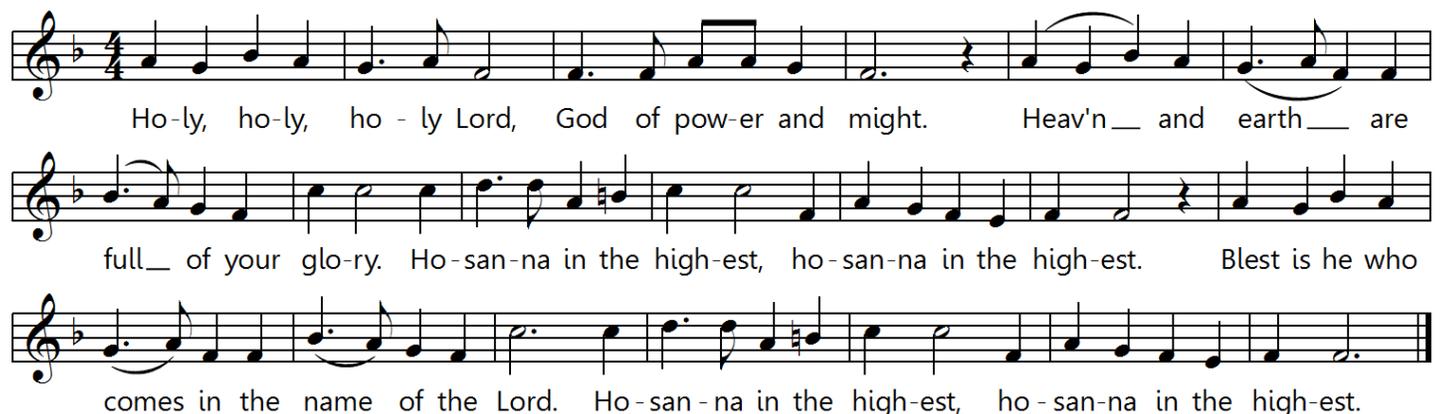
### It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Praise is yours, holy God, praise beyond all telling. All that we are, all that we have, all that we know, and all that is yet to be, comes from your care.

Water and wisdom, light and longing, the stones in the earth and the hope in our hearts are grounded in your graciousness.

The life of the world and all its people, nature and human skill celebrate you as first mover and final destiny.

Therefore, to the unending song of earth, sea and sky, we join our praise. To the anthems of the company of heaven, the angels and archangels, the saints of every age, we join our praise. And as one with your people on earth, north and south, east and west, we join our praise, singing the song of your eternal greatness:



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.

This sacrament we celebrate began on the night of Jesus' arrest, when he and his disciples gathered round a table. During their meal, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

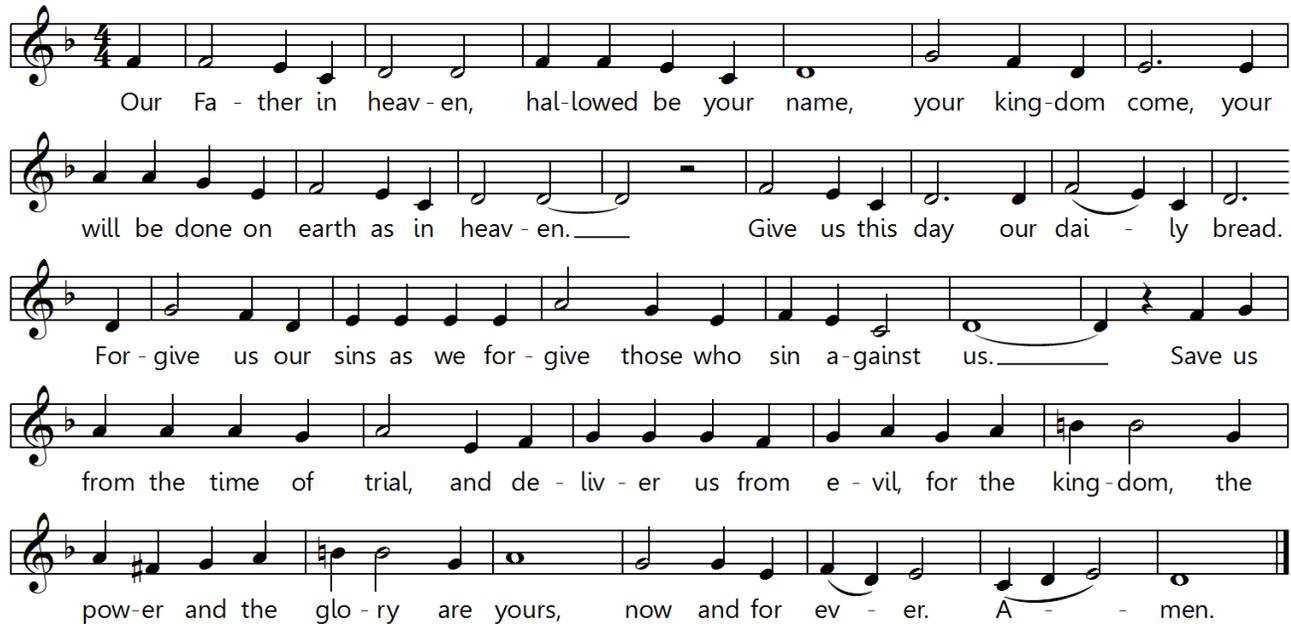
Later, he took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God's coming kingdom.'

As Jesus did, so we do. We break this bread; we share this wine; we believe that he who lived, died and rose again for us will meet us here.

So send now your Spirit among us, ✠ and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service. With all your creation, we give you thanks and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we 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.*

Take this bread; share this wine.

**In these, Christ comes to us with love from God.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*When to the Temple Mary Went (Johannes Eccard)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

**Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God, ✠ the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN 378**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Improvisation and Toccata on "Diademata"  
(Lani Smith, tune - G. J. Elvey)*

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<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch
<i>Deacon</i>	The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros
<i>Organist</i>	Ruth Ann Read-Clay

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