

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 393

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### 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

*Isaiah 43:4a, 5a, 8-10b, 15-21*

Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you; do not fear, for I am with you. Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 96



Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing and bless his name.

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **GRADUAL HYMN 431**

*Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 5:1-6*

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.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.

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

# HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*Cantique de Jean Racine (Gabriel Fauré)*

## 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 415**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

## **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:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow-er, 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 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-low-ed be your name, your king-dom 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.*

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

*Notre Père (Maurice Duruflé)*

*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 631

*The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Presider* BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher  
*Preacher & Deacon* The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros  
*Organist* Ruth Ann Read-Clay

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