

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 24th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God (Flor Peeters)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 643

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

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

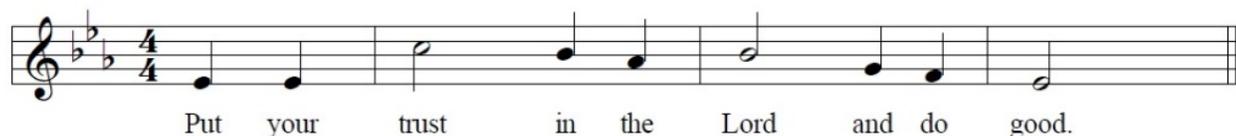
Isaiah 24:4-6

The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers; the heavens languish together with the earth. The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt; therefore the inhabitants of the earth dwindled, and few people are left.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-12



Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

GRADUAL HYMN 712

Alleluia

THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:17-26

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.

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

HOMILY

ANTHEM

O Praise the Lord with One Consent (G.F. Handel)

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 433

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

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 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.

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
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.

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

Laudate Dominum (W.A. Mozart)

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 565

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sonata in A for organ and orchestra, K.225 (W.A. Mozart)

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Preacher & Deacon

The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch

Organist

Dr Gordon Johnston

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