

# 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Prelude on Ave verum corpus (W.A. Mozart, arr E. Power Biggs)*

### OPENING HYMN 2

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

For you the valleys will sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

Your love and justice shall last for ever,  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 148



Heav-en and earth, praise the Lord! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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**

*Revelation 21:1-6*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 620**

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

# THE GOSPEL

*John 13:31-35*

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.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*Psalm 150 (César Franck)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God;

**who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;  
he came in the body to give worth to every human life.

**He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,  
and endured slander, persecution and death.**

We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth  
through Christ's suffering love.

**He rose from the grave as living proof  
that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven to be present at all times to all people.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**who leads us into truth and freedom,  
who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
who works through prayer and politics, through justice,  
care of creation and the healing of the nations.**

We celebrate the potential God has given:

**the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls,**

**the promise of good things in store  
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE PEACE**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 69**

*We Who Live by Sound and Symbol (Tune #273)*

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

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One to whom we will return. You conceived the universe, wove the world together, and hold all life in your hand.

You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst, and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you. With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you. With the church throughout the world, with all who love Jesus and honour his name, we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glory, 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.

Blessed is he who was born among us incognito; who grew up without privilege or status; who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world; who told deepest truths in ordinary language. Blessed is he who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favour; who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory; who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried; who, for all this and for all of us, rose again; who, though high in heaven is present with us here and now. Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us ✕ to settle on this bread and this wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

And let that same Spirit stir our souls, so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him, that he may be in us, and we in him, for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed 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'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

He who was buried but rose from the dead,  
**is present to us in this bread.**

He, whose wounded hands were offered to the unbelieving,  
**reaches out to us in this cup.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*Sicut cervus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we always walk in your way, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

From where we are to where you need us,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

From the familiarity of what we know, to the wonder of what you will reveal,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

To transform the fabric of this world, until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,  
**Jesus, now lead on. Amen. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the light of God lead you, the power of God hold you, the joy of God heal you, the grace of God caress you, and the love of God bless you, ✠ this day and all your days.  
**Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN 322**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, go forth in the power of the risen Christ.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Finale jubilante (Healey Willan)*

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