

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



TRINITY SUNDAY

June 16th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Aria on a Chaconne (Joel Martinson)

OPENING HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation, and we recognize the continuing presence of First Nations, Métis and Inuit in this region.

May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.

Gracious Spirit, encouraging, yet not coercing –
**thread through time and engender love and compassion in us,
and through us.**

Challenging Spirit, enlightening, yet not constraining –
**thread through time and enlarge knowledge and understanding in us,
and through us.**

Passionate Spirit, empowering, yet not controlling –
**thread through time and enable freedom and justice in us,
and through us.**

Paradoxical Spirit, engaging with us, yet not graspable by us –
**weave together our time and God's time, that we may know God
at work in us, and through us.**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of heaven and earth, Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation and life-giving Spirit of wisdom: guide us into all truth, so that we may proclaim Christ revealed and rejoice in his glory. Praise to you, blessed, holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

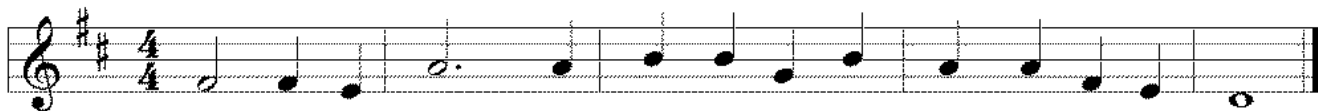
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8



O Lord, our God, how won-der-ful your name in all the earth!

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him?
The son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels;
you adorn him with glory and honour;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands;
you put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

THE SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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GRADUAL HYMN 256

Yours the Hand that Made Creation

THE GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

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.

Jesus said, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION

Triune God your Spirit brings us many different gifts –
forgive us when we have coveted only the spectacular ones ...

Your Spirit speaks to us through many different voices –
forgive us when we have cut off the disconcerting ones ...

Your Spirit offers us many different insights –
forgive us when we have considered only the comfortable ones ...

Your Spirit invites us into many different moments of possibility –
forgive us when we have closed down the costly ones ...

Spirit of the living God, beyond time, and yet here with us now –
**give us the wisdom to receive and treasure all your gifts, the
discernment to hear and respond to your voice,
the understanding to see and follow your patterns,
and the courage to recognise and seize your moments.**

Silence is kept.

Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. ✠ So may you grow in knowledge of Christ's Kingdom, deepen in dependence on its grace, and love in accordance with its measures. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

May you know the peace which the Spirit brings: a peace rooted in love, patience and self-control, shaped by kindness, generosity and faithfulness, marked by gentleness, and crowned with joy.

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 436

I Bind Unto Myself Today

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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.

God has prepared a room for us: fire to warm our hearts, water to wash our weary feet, the table set and waiting. And now, from beyond time, the breath of the Spirit comes whispering through the fabric of time to call us in.

So come, whether your time is just beginning or many years in the marking; whether your hours are filled and fruitful or wanting and withered; whether you have invested wisely or buried your coins in the ground. For here at this table, through the power of the Spirit, God's time and our time come together in bread and wine, a place of timeless and timely grace.

And we as inheritors in this time of both the challenge and the comfort, join now with all who have made this journey in other places and at other times, raising our voices in the timeless song of praise:

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.

In the beginning, the Spirit brooded time into being so that God could give form to the world. At the Incarnation, the Spirit breathed God's time into being so that the world could receive the Word. Through Pentecost, the Spirit brought transformed time into being so that the Word could be everywhere encountered. Entering these gifts of bread and wine, the Spirit blesses this time so that encounter can comfort, challenge and transform us.

And so, through the remembrance gifted to us by the Spirit, we recall how Jesus, drawing near to the end of his time on earth, ate a last meal with his friends. He 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.'

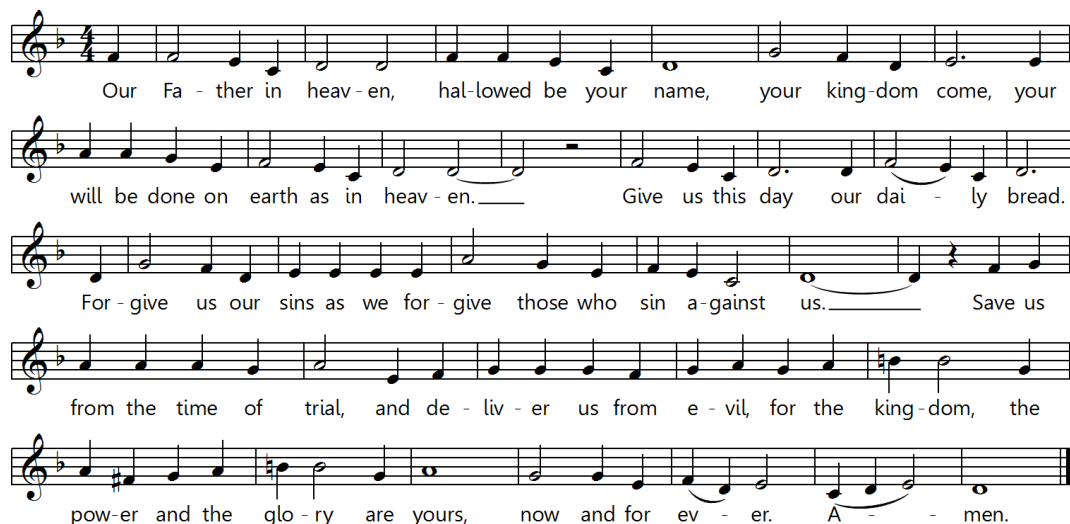
Jesus took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God's coming kingdom.'

We remember how his words and actions disconcerted and dismayed them; but also, how Jesus offered them comfort and encouragement for the time to come – breaking open a loaf of bread, and pouring out a cup of wine to share with them as a sign of his Kingdom, and promising them the companionship of the Spirit as they followed its Way.

And as we share these gifts of grace, may the Holy Spirit take and transform them ✕ that we may know both their comfort and their challenge and so find ourselves and our time in turn transformed. **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.

Here is bread and wine –

touched and transformed by the Spirit.

Come, eat and drink and be healed and strengthened for this time being and for time to come.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

May the Spirit who mothered creation and enabled Incarnation
continue to form and nurture us as we stumble towards maturity;

The Spirit who led Jesus into the wilderness
stir us out of ease and safety as we follow the way of Christ;

The Spirit who transformed the disciples
grace and gift us for the task of building God's Kingdom;

The Spirit whom Jesus bequeathed
**continue to comfort and discomfort us until justice prevails,
peace reigns and love directs all. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

And now, may God fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and bless you,
✠ so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 602

Lift High the Cross

DISMISSAL

Go forth in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord (Emma Lou Diemer)

<i>Presider</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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