

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.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1st, 2019 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 345

King of Glory, King of Peace

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

BENEDICITE CANADENSIS

O give thanks to our God who is good:
whose love endures for ever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, prairies and forests, rivers, lakes and glaciers:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

You spruce and pine, maple and birch, mosses and grasses:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Whales and cod, lobster and eels, trout and salmon and pickerel:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Groundhogs and cattle, mosquitos and dragonflies, robins and crows,
hawks and geese and loons:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You indigenous and immigrant, women and men, all who inhabit
this great land:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of Canada:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

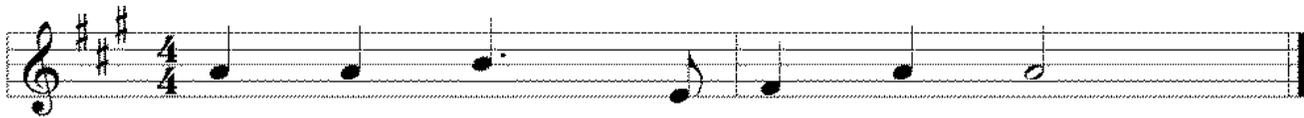
Jeremiah 2:4–13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81 : 1, 10-16



Sing with joy to God our strength.

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock

THE SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 508

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God forgives you. ✠ Be at peace. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 558

God, When I Stand

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. Therefore, with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly; God of mer-cy giv-er of life; earth and sea and
 sky and all that lives de - clare your pres - ence and your
 glo - ry. Ho - san-na! Ho - san-na! Ho - san - na in the high-est!

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, ✠ feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence is kept.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

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 God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Most loving God,

creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you; and may the blessing of God our Creator, ✠ Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 425

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

Grace be with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch

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