

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

September 29th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Meditation (Douglas E. Wagner)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 323

Ye Holy Angels Bright

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

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.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven, so at your command they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10–17

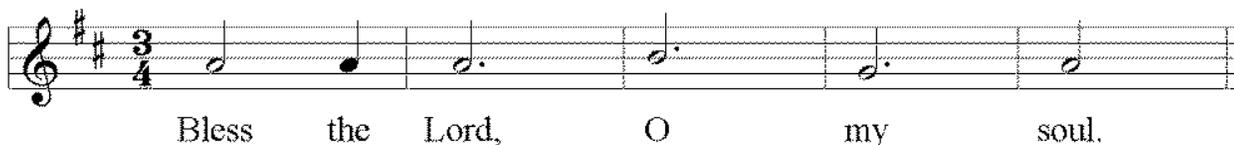
Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:19-22



The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE SECOND READING

Revelation 12:7–12

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 319

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

THE GOSPEL

John 1:47–51

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 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Laudate Jehovam (Georg Philip Telemann)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting us to this table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 272

Christ, the Fair Glory of the Holy Angels

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, as you have appointed angels to minister in your presence, so may all our worship bring you worthy praise. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory:

4

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.

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

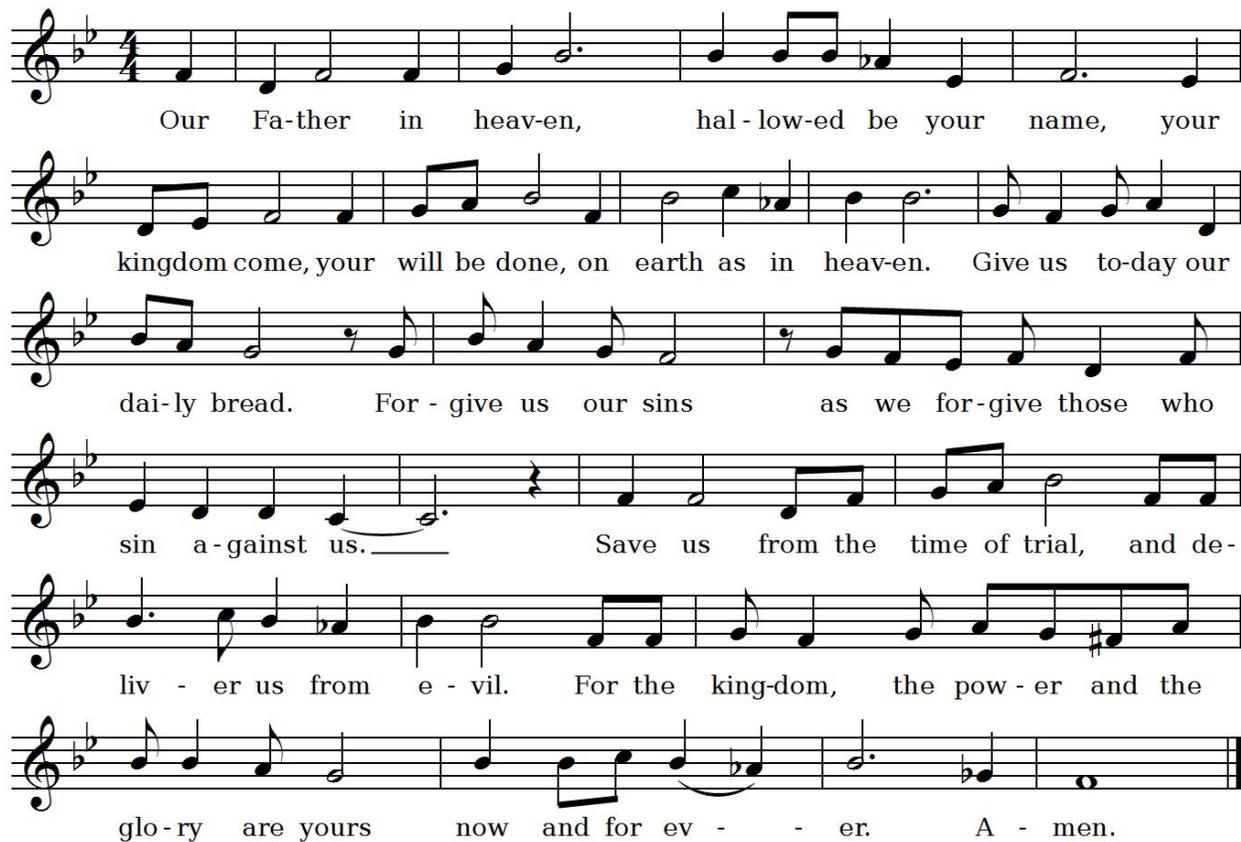
And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, ✠ our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE 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.

Eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God, ✠ Creator, Son, and Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 378

Crown Him With Many Crowns

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Church Sonata No. 2 in B-flat major, K. 68 (W.A. Mozart)

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

Liturgy: *The Book of Alternative Services* © 1985 and *Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer #1* © 2001 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Collect: *A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.* Readings: *New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV) Anglicized Edition*, © 1989, 1995, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Psalm Music: ©2001 Gordon Johnston.

To find out what is happening in the parish, please see This Week at St John's (TWSJ) on our website (www.stjohnsottawa.ca) or pick up a hard copy on the table at the Elgin Street entrance.

ST JOHN'S CONTACT INFO

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff, Rector
beth@stjohnsottawa.ca

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros, Deacon
caroline@stjohnsottawa.ca

The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, Bishop in Residence
dennis@stjohnsottawa.ca

BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher & The Reverend Canon Dr Gary Hauch,
Honourary Assistants

The Reverend Michael Hicks, Honourary Assistant Emeritus
Dr Gordon Johnston, Organist & Choirmaster
gordon@stjohnsottawa.ca

Laura Macdonald, Church Administrator
laura@stjohnsottawa.ca

154 Somerset Street West, Ottawa, ON, Canada, K2P 0H8
Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm (613) 232-4500 www.stjohnsottawa.ca
