

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.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 20th, 2019 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

Generous God, we come to you on this day of worship,
a day of rest, a day in community.

A day to be blessed, a day for offering,
a day for welcoming, a day of remembering, a day of reckoning.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God of the dispossessed, you teach us to hunger for justice even when the weak are shut out and the powerful turn over in their beds: in the heat of our anger and the bitterness of our complaints, give us courage to protest, the persistence to pray and the heart to love; through Jesus Christ, the true judge. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:27–34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:97–104



Oh, how I love your law!
all the day long it is in my mind.
Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies,
and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my study.
I am wiser than the elders,
because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
I do not shrink from your judgements,
because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste!
they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
Through your commandments I gain understanding;
therefore I hate every lying way.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 450

You Call Us, Lord, To Be

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8

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.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us (Joel Martinson)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Jesus, Master,

have mercy on us. We keep our distance from you, for we are broken and sick with sin. Yet you see us, and cleanse us, and make us whole. Forgive us when we forget to return to you, have mercy when we fail to praise your name, and help us to exude the faith that makes us well. Amen.

Hear the good news: your call has been answered. Christ has healed you, and forgives your sin. ✠ With glad hearts, return praise to God. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 347

The God of Abraham Praise

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.

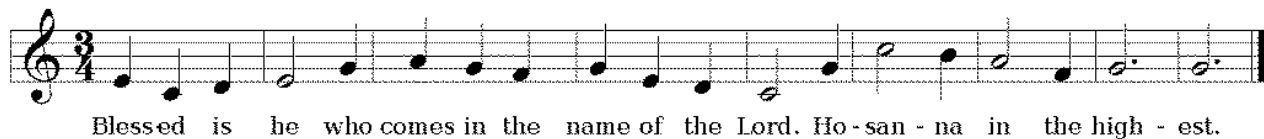
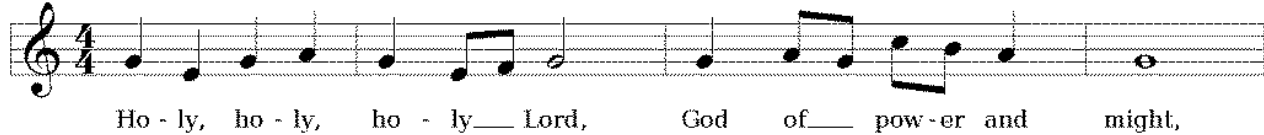
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe where all things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You give us the starry sky above, the sun and the moon and everything that gives us light. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, all the animals and every plant and tree.

You give us love that lasts for ever in your Son Jesus Christ, and in him you bring us close to you. You give us your love, and, even when we are unhappy, you wipe away our tears and fill us with your peace. You give us happy times and things to celebrate; in these we see your kingdom and taste a feast for all to share.

You made us all to love and to serve you; and so we join with the angels to sing your praise:



We thank you, loving God, because you sent Jesus, your Son, to be born and to live among us. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

On the night before he died Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples. "This is my body," he said, "given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples. "This is my blood," he said, "poured out for you and for all people to save them from their sins. Do this to remember me."

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit, that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and change us ✕ more and more to be like him.

Make us joyful as we celebrate his death for us on the cross and his rising from the dead; and share these gifts which strengthen us to follow him.

Help us to love all people and to work together for that day when all the needs of the world are met, suffering is ended, and the whole of creation is gathered into your loving arms.

With all your saints we give you glory through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav'n, hal-owed 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.

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE COMMUNION

Our God Is Love (Hal Hopson)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. *Silence is kept.*

God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

God of generous providing,

you have given us so many gifts that enrich our lives: the sacred writings that provide instruction; the community of the church which surrounds us; the love and sacrifice of Jesus; and the faithfulness and inspiration of your Spirit. We belong to you and all that we have belongs to you. Help us to use all these gifts to share your Good News to the world, as we work to establish your justice and peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God bless you ✠ in your body with health, in your mind with understanding, in your soul with the company of the Holy Spirit, that together we may produce a harvest of light to the glory of Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 210

Yours Be the Glory

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<i>Presider</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
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<i>Director of Music</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston

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