

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18th, 2025 at 10:15am

You are welcome to participate in smudging as you enter the church to worship. Smudging is a sign of purification and peace offered to anyone who would like to participate. When the weather is too difficult to offer smudging outdoors – and at any time that you are in the church building, liquid smudge is now offered (the medicines are steeped in distilled water and sprayed as a mist). Dry smudge is always available with the sacred medicines – tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar – provided as you enter the church. Rub the medicines in your hands and place them in the shell bowl; after use these will be respectfully burned. St. John's is grateful to Indigenous members of our community for offering smudging.

PRELUDE Andantino from *Vesper Voluntaries* Op. 14 - Edward Elgar

HYMN 3 Morning has Broken | *Bunessan*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

May God be with you.

And also with you.

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

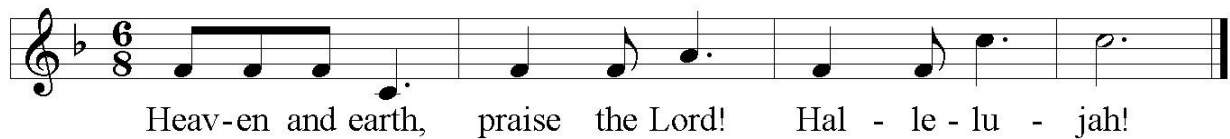
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by 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



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 splendor 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 as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 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.

Alors je vis un ciel nouveau et une terre nouvelle, car le premier ciel et la première terre ont disparu et la mer n'est plus.

Et la cité sainte, la Jérusalem nouvelle, je la vis qui descendait du ciel, d'auprès de Dieu, comme une épouse qui s'est parée pour son époux.

Et j'entendis, venant du trône, une voix forte qui disait: Voici la demeure de Dieu avec les hommes. Il demeurera avec eux. Ils seront ses peuples et lui sera le Dieu qui est avec eux. Il essuiera toute larme de leurs yeux. La mort ne sera plus. Il n'y aura plus ni deuil, ni cri, ni souffrance, car le monde ancien a disparu.

Et celui qui siège sur le trône dit: Voici, je fais toutes choses nouvelles. Puis il dit: Écris: Ces paroles sont certaines et véridiques.

Et il me dit: C'en est fait. Je suis l'Alpha et l'Oméga, le commencement et la fin. A celui qui a soif, je donnerai de la source d'eau vive, gratuitement.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 645

Come Down, O Love Divine | *Down Ampney*

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

May God 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.**

SERMON

ANTHEM

Our God is Love - arr. Mary McDonald

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN 310

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above |

Mit Freuden zart

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

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

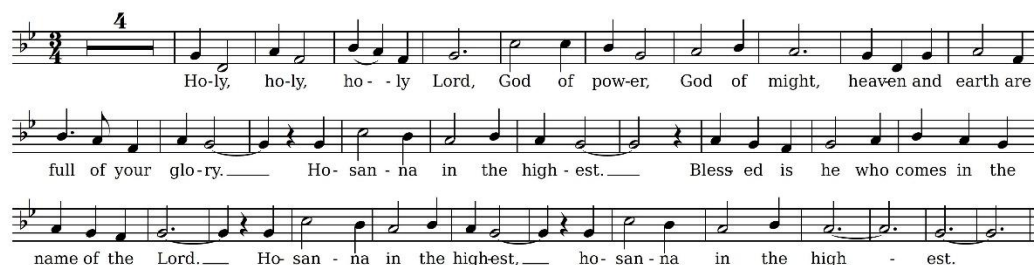
We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death,

and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.



We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

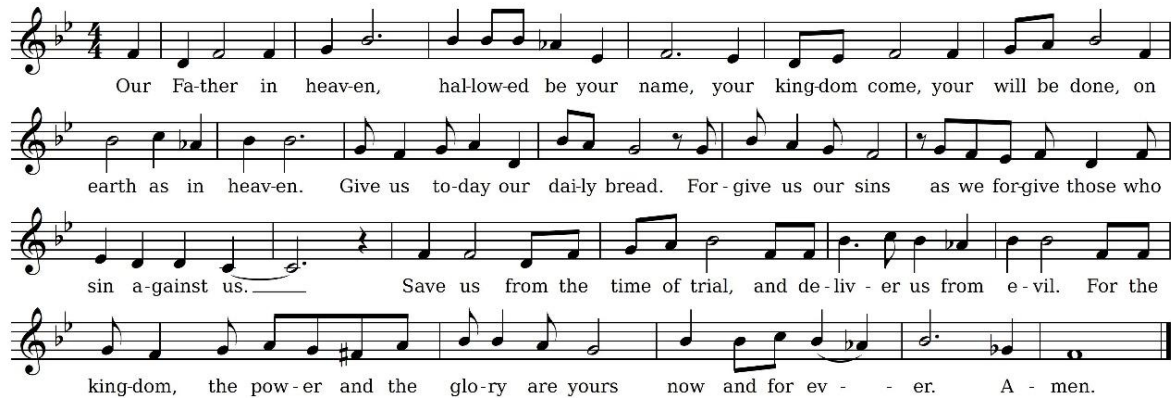
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

Now we are raised to new life.

We were buried in your tomb.

Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

O Lord, From Whom All Good Things Do Come –
Gerald Bales

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

DOXOLOGY

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.**

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 330

O Praise Ye the Lord | *Laudate Dominum*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary - John Travers

REFRESHMENTS

Everyone is invited to stay following the service for hospitality served in the nave.

HEARING ENHANCEMENT

St John's now supports hearing devices. Download AudioFetch app. On your device, go to **Settings**, select **Privacy and Security**, select **Location Services** and select **AudioFetch**. Then select **Allow Location Services** and finally select **"While Using the App."** Turn on wifi and select Audio Fetch Express. Connect your device to your hearing aids. Start the AudioFetch App. You may have to try twice the first time you use it. Set desired volume.

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