

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Diocese of Ottawa



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
September 21, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

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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 – 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.

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**PRELUDE** Choral Prelude on "Lobe den Herren" - Johann Gottfried Walther

**HYMN 384** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty [Lobe den Herren]

**WELCOME**

**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.**

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

**And also with you.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

*Amos 8:4-7*

Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lisikieni hili, ninyi mnaopenda kuwameza wahitaji, na kuwakomesha maskini wa nchi, mkisema, Mwezi mpya utaondoka lini, tupate kuuza nafaka? Na sabato nayo, tupate kuandika ngano? Mkiipunguza efa na kuiongeza shekeli, mkidanganya watu kwa mizani ya udanganyifu; tupate kuwanunua maskini kwa fedha, na wahitaji kwa jozi ya viatu; na kuziua takataka za ngano.

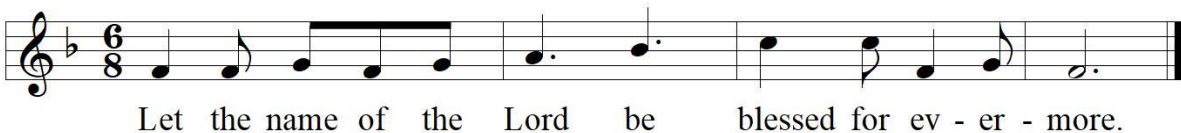
Bwana ameapa kwa fahari ya Yakobo, Hakika sitazisahau kamwe kazi zao hata mojawapo.

*Swahili Language*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 113



Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;  
praise the Name of the Lord.  
Let the Name of the Lord be blessed,  
from this time forth for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its going down  
let the Name of the Lord be praised.  
The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,  
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?  
He takes up the weak out of the dust

and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

He sets them with the princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
He makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children.

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Timothy 2:1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time.  
For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Je recommande donc, avant tout, que l'on fasse des demandes, des prières, des supplications, des actions de grâce, pour tous les hommes, pour les rois et tous ceux qui détiennent l'autorité, afin que nous menions une vie calme et paisible en toute piété et dignité. Voilà ce qui est beau et agréable aux yeux de Dieu notre Sauveur, qui veut que tous les hommes soient sauvés et parviennent à la connaissance de la vérité.

Car il n'y a qu'un seul Dieu, un seul médiateur aussi entre Dieu et les hommes, un homme : Christ Jésus, qui s'est donné en rançon pour tous. Tel est le témoignage qui fut rendu aux temps fixés, et pour lequel j'ai été, moi, établi héraut et apôtre – je dis vrai, je ne mens pas –, docteur des nations dans la foi et la vérité.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN 398

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind [Monkland]

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 16:1-13*

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.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

He then told the ones who walked the road with him another story: "There was a man with so many possessions, he had to have someone to oversee them all. The rich man was told that his overseer was mishandling his possessions. He sent for the man and said to him, 'Why am I hearing these things about you? Give me an account of all I possess, for I can no longer trust you to oversee my belongings.'

"The man said to himself, 'What will I do? I am too old to dig ditches and too proud to beg from others.' "Then an idea came to his mind. 'I know what to do so that others will help me and give me a place to live.'

He went to each person who was in debt to the rich man. "He said to the first one, 'How much do you owe?' 'One hundred containers of oil,' the man answered. 'Make it to be fifty,' the overseer told him. "He then said to another, 'How much do you owe?' 'One hundred baskets of wheat,' he answered. 'Make it to be eighty,' the overseer said back to him.

"When the rich man found out what the dishonest overseer had done, he shook his head but admired the man's craftiness. "Do you see what this means?" Creator Sets Free (Jesus) asked. "The children of darkness are sometimes wiser in the ways of this world than the children of light are in the ways of the spirit-world above. "So then, use the possessions of this world to help others in need, who will become your friends. Then when possessions run out, these new friends of Creator's good road will always welcome you into their homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

"If Creator cannot trust you with the possessions of this world, then how will he trust you with the treasures of the spirit-world above? But if you do well with the small things of this world, you will do well with the great things of the spirit-world above. 13" No one can be loyal to two rival chiefs. He will have to choose between them, for either he will hate one chief and love the other, or he will honor one and resent the other. You cannot be loyal to the Great Provider and to possessions at the same time."

Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **ANTHEM**

Most Glorious Lord of Life - William H. Harris

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,



hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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**

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

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 60**

I Come with Joy [Land of Rest]

## **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

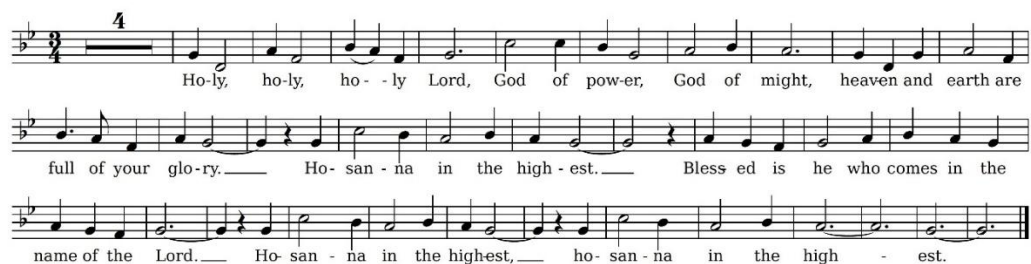
**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

## COMMUNION

Pie Jesu from *Requiem* op. 48 - Gabriel Fauré

*Carolyn Streich, Soprano*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our 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 572

Let There Be Light [Concord]

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus in Gregorian Tonality Op. 52 no. 1  
- Alexandre Guilmant

**HOSPITALITY** *Everyone is invited to stay following the service for refreshments served in the nave.*

## WORSHIP ROSTER

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PRESIDER	The Reverend Canon Gary van der Meer
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