

# 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Preludes on Carol-melodies by Denizot (A.P.F. Boëly)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 123

*Once in Royal David's City*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Grace and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ,  
be with you.

**And also with you.**

In the darkness before creation, you made all that lives and breathes.

In the darkness of Mary's womb, you formed Jesus, bringer of light.

In the darkness of our world, your spirit sustains us.

**O God, you are with us in darkness and in light.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, so that in all things we may think and act according to your good will, and may live continually in the light of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# THE FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

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 splendour 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**

*Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN 121**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 2:41-52*

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.**

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was

obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

God is love and we are God's children.

There is no room for fear in love.

We love because he loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept.*

God our Creator,

**we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.**

**For the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

God, who is both power and love, forgive you ✠ and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 137**

*What Child is This?*

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our creator, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might. Heav'n\_\_ and earth\_\_ are  
full\_\_ of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high-est.

Loving God, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us.

He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad. He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.

On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

So, as we do what Jesus told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us ✠ and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the body and the blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your  
will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give us this 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.*

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**Lord, unite us in this sign.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION**

*The Old Year Hath Passed Away (J.S. Bach)*

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Loving God,

**your steadfast purpose is the completion of all things in your Son.**

**May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,**

**live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,**

**until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God, ✠ Creator, Son, and Spirit bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN 143**

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

# DISMISSAL

Go forth in the light of Christ!

**Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

*Rigaudon (André Campra)*

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<i>Presider &amp; Preacher</i>	The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff
<i>Organist</i>	Dr Gordon Johnston
<i>Crucifer &amp; Server</i>	Sherrie Dagg, Brandon Rabideau, Wendy McCutcheon
<i>Readers</i>	Glenn Calder, Vicki Robinson
<i>Cantor</i>	Peggy Lister
<i>Intercessor</i>	Bryan Bondy
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Peggy Lister, Marcela Gaxiola
<i>Duty Warden</i>	Barbara Rottenberg
<i>Sidespeople</i>	Ron & Cathy Hannah, Sean Paterson
<i>Tower Bell</i>	Glen Robinson
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Vicki Milnes, Jill Courtemanche
<i>Welcome Team</i>	Karen Marks, Sherrie Dagg
<i>Refreshments</i>	Jan & Glenn Calder

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