

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Be Thou But Near (J.S. Bach)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 419

*Let All Creation Bless the Lord*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this morning on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

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

With nature in its power and beauty, with snow and wind and sunshine,  
with the ancient rocks and the growing trees,  
**we gather in praise of God.**

With believers and seekers, the whole world wide, with people in every land, and  
speakers of every language,  
**we gather in praise of God.**

With the angels and saints in heaven, with those who first built community here, and  
with all who have worshipped in this place,  
**we gather in praise of God.**

With Jesus who promised his presence, and the Spirit who showers  
her blessings,  
**we gather in praise of God.**

Here let heaven and earth embrace;  
**here may God's people find home.**

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal Maker of the endless heavens; lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth; Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters; be present among us. As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped, and dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new this day and every day. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Job 12:7-10*

But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8



O Lord, our God, how won-der-ful your name in all the earth!

Lord our governor,

how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him?

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels;

you adorn him with glory and honour;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands;

you put all things under his feet;

All sheep and oxen,

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O Lord our governor,  
how exalted is your name in all the world!

## **GRADUAL HYMN 712**

*Alleluia*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 6:27-38*

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.**

Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*The Heavens Are Telling (Franz Joseph Haydn)*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith.

**We believe in God who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.**

**He burned brightly and offended many.**

**His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.**

**His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures,  
and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community,  
committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone,  
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice,  
brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

*Silence is kept.*

O hidden mystery,  
**sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch,  
in everyone we meet, you are there, and we give you thanks.  
But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation,  
where we have not honoured but avoided you in one another,  
where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us,  
and hear our plea for your pardon.**

Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry,  
God forgives you and what is past, ✕ and enables us to begin again.  
So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity,  
by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker, to whom  
be glory for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

The peace of God be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 408**

*Wind Upon the Waters*

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

All that we have and all that we are, are God's gifts to us. So here we return a token of our wealth, asking that it and all we possess be used to God's glory. **Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

## We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Maker.

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

Praise is yours, holy God, praise beyond all telling. All that we are, all that we have, all that we know, and all that is yet to be, comes from your care.

Water and wisdom, light and longing, the stones in the earth and the hope in our hearts are grounded in your graciousness.

The life of the world and all its people, nature and human skill celebrate you as first mover and final destiny.

Therefore, to the unending song of earth, sea and sky, we join our praise. To the anthems of the company of heaven, the angels and archangels, the saints of every age, we join our praise. And as one with your people on earth, north and south, east and west, we join our praise, singing the song of your eternal greatness:

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. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

This sacrament we celebrate began on the night of Jesus' arrest, when he and his disciples gathered round a table. During their meal, Jesus took bread, and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Later, he took a cup of wine, and when he had blessed it, he said, 'This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me. I shall not share this with you again until I do so in God's coming kingdom.'

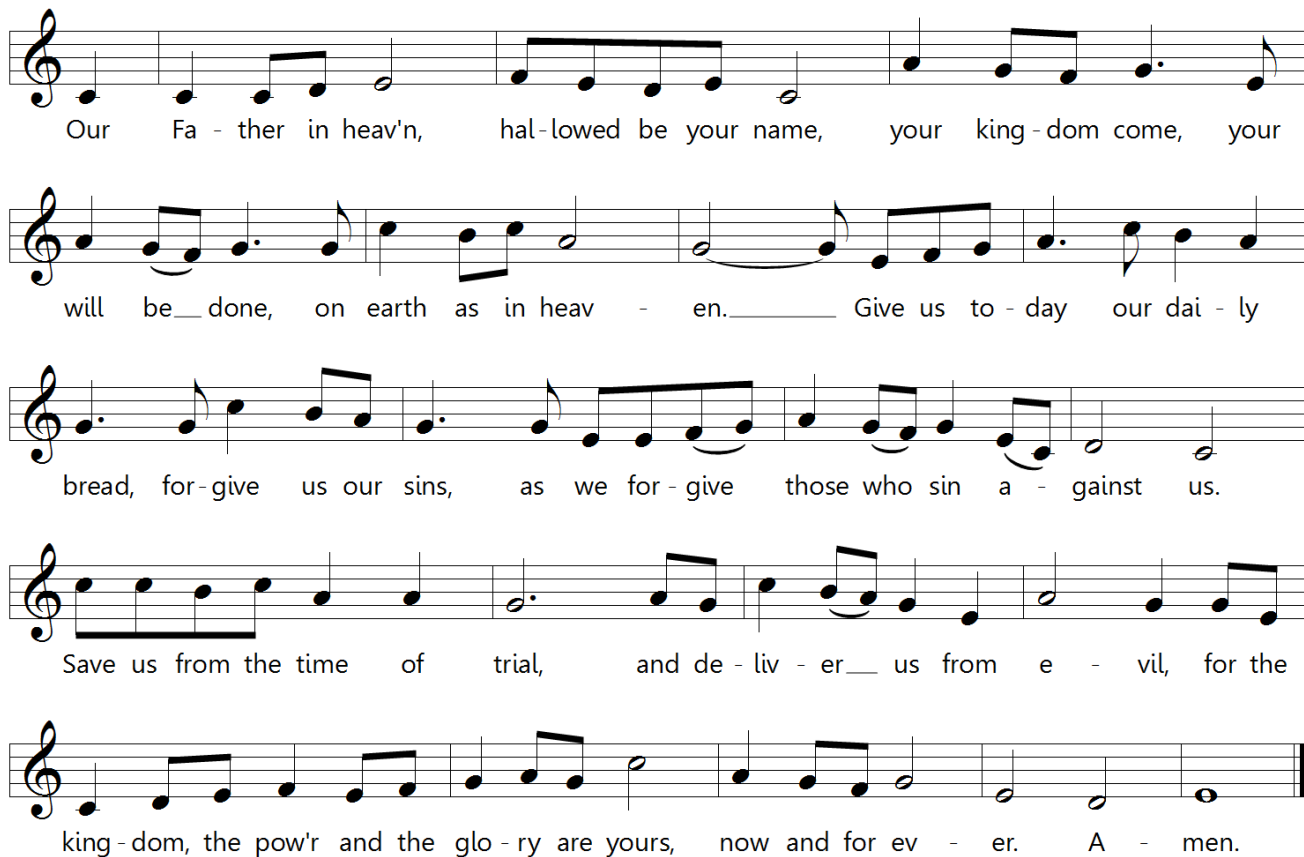
As Jesus did, so we do. We break this bread; we share this wine; we believe that he who lived, died and rose again for us will meet us here.

So send now your Spirit among us, ✠ and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service. With all your creation, we give you thanks and praise, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we pray:



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed 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.*

Take this bread; share this wine.

**In these, Christ comes to us with love from God.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

# COMMUNION

*Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake (Richard Farrant)*

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

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

**Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God, ✠ the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer rest on and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 598

*Go to the World*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Allegro, from Concerto in G major, BWV 592 (J.S. Bach)*

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The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

*Preacher & Deacon*

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

*Organist*

Dr Gordon Johnston

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