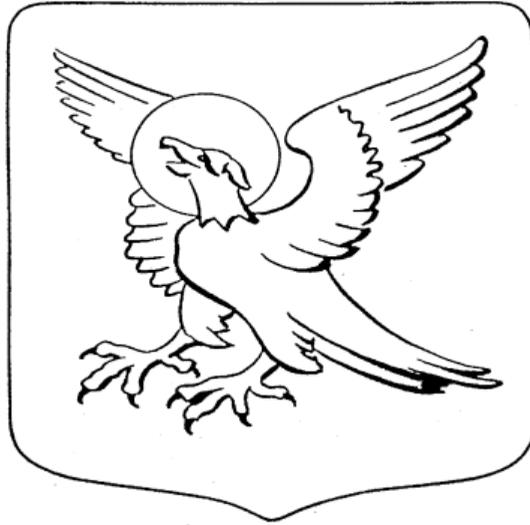


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

**HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 8am & 10:30am**

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## Welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

*We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook site.

It is good to be worshipping again in our building after a long period in exile. Thank you for being here with us.

Amber stage of the diocesan Pandemic plan means various safety measures to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Please be mindful of the following:

- Continue to wear your mask throughout the service.
- Remain in your pew for the duration of the service unless it is absolutely necessary for you to move. The washroom at the back of the church is available for use. If it is occupied, please ensure physical distancing as you wait.
- Refrain from physical contact with those outside your "bubble." When exchanging the peace, make eye contact, smile (behind your mask!) and nod or bow to your neighbours, while wishing the peace of Christ.
- The offering plates will not be passed. If you wish to make a financial offering, you can place your envelope in the offering plate at either the back of the church as you enter or at the exits upon leaving.
- Communion will be brought to you in your pew.
- Following the service, a Greeter will direct you by row to exit the church via **side** aisles to the front doors. If you entered by the back parking lot, you may exit via the centre aisle towards the back. Please maintain your distance from others. Take all your belongings with you and recycle your order of service in the blue bin at the exit if you do not wish to keep it. Please sanitize your hands upon leaving.
- Be patient and kind with yourself and one another as we navigate this new way of worshipping together in-person.

The flowers at the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Joyce & Bill Swenson, given by the Candy & Philip Barber.

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### *Prelude*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

**All And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from  
you no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our  
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we  
may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your  
holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Gloria**

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

**All and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 114** *said together in unison*

**Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \* the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

**Judah became God's sanctuary \* and Israel his dominion.**

**The sea beheld it and fled; \* Jordan turned and went back.**

**The mountains skipped like rams, \* and the little hills like young sheep.**

**What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \* O Jordan, that you turned back?**

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \* you little hills like young sheep?**

**Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \* at the presence of the God of Jacob.**

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \* and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## **Second Reading**

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every

tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 18:21-35

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All:            And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All:            Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

### **Sermon**

## **Apostles' Creed**

Celebrant Let us confess our faith of our baptism, as we say

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Intercessions** (*kneel or sit*)

Please respond to each petition with "*Lord, graciously hear us.*"

## **Confession & Absolution**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

**All 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.**

Celebrant 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**

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please remain in your pew, smile and nod but refrain from physical contact with those outside your "bubble" as you wish people the peace of Christ.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Prayer over the gifts**

#### **Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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 forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Communion**

*Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. During this stage of the pandemic, only the bread will be offered. Please remain in your pews and the priest will come and give communion to you. Please keep your mask on until the priest has moved away from you, at which point you may remove your mask to consume the bread. Sanitize your hands before and after receiving Communion.*

**Prayer after Communion** *(please stand)*

### **Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God

**All 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

#### ***Postlude***

*Following the service, you will be directed by the Greeter to leave your pew by the side aisle and proceed to the exit at the front of the church closest to you. If you entered via the back door, you may leave via the centre aisle to that exit. Please take your belongings with you. Thank you for worshipping with us today.*

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher  
The Reverend Canon Catherine Aschah

Readers & Intercessors  
8am: Cindy Penman  
10:30am: Chris Cutler

Greeters  
8am: Lois Dewey; Kathy Porter  
10:30am: Doreen Watt; Ron Watt

Ushers  
8am: Cindy Penman; Joan Dunbar  
10:30am: Nancy Fleming; Linda MacLaren

Readings for next Sunday, September 20 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**In our Parish we pray for:** Heather, Margaret, Dan Burns, Bonnie, Ann R. Bothwell, Karen K., Melanie, Dale Kerr, Ryder, Gary Peters, Philip Burns, Bill Pollock, Paul Dunlop, Lianne Burns, Andy Preston.

**Friends of the Parish we pray for:** Zachary, Terri, Jacqui, Kathy O'Shea, Larry, Diane, John Duncan, David, Tanya James, Diane Chadborne, Gerry Clement, Nancy & Mary Esther Griffith, Susan Crosbie, Sarah Telford, Logan, Maggie, Robert Apro, Doug, Stephanie, John B., Beverley, Jack Sepanik.

**Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for:** Bev Lannin, Cora Beasley, Fran Robinson, Thelma Doherty, Irene Anderson, Betty Gault, Helen Cameron, Brenda Hauraney, Ken Winkenweder, Irene Leach, Jessie Read, Joan Dillon, Pat & Lily Willis, Leona Jones.

**In our Diocese we pray for:** The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; St. Helen's, Orleans: The Ven. Susan Churchill-Lackey and the Rev'd Canon Peter Lackey; Open Table Ministry to university students.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pint & a Passage: Mon Sept14 at 7pm**

We won't gather at the pub but we can spend time with the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday in our own homes on Mondays at 7pm. Pre-registration is required: e-mail [catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca).

### **Walking Pilgrimage: Sat Oct 3 10am – 1pm**

Canon Catherine will be leading a pilgrimage walk at Millpond Conservation area combining silence, reflection, companionship and lunch. If you can walk 4-5 kilometres and climb up 20 steps with relative ease, then please consider joining in. The walk will happen rain or shine. Physical distancing protocols will be observed.

**Location:** Millpond Conservation Area Briton-Houghton Bay Rd.  
We will gather at the parking lot at Briton-Houghton Bay Rd. Hike will start at 10am.

**Wear:** Clothing suitable to the weather & very sturdy footwear for walking on developed but uneven and potentially slippery trails, which include *exposed tree roots, stones and up and down climbs*. Masks are optional.

**Bring:** Hand sanitizer, water and your own lunch in a pack that is easy for you to carry and leaves your hands free. Because of the pandemic, we cannot share food at this time.

## **Canadian Church Calendars**

The 2021 Canadian Church calendars are in and are available for purchase. Cost is \$5. Please contact the parish office to purchase and pick up between 9am – 12noon Monday through Friday. If you are unable to come to pick yours up, please let Louise know and we will arrange to have yours delivered. Calendars will not be available for pick up on Sundays.

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### **Weekly Liturgies**

Sundays 8am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist

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