

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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 our first Sunday worshipping together in our building after an exile of almost six months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today is our first, careful foray into the realm of in-person worship in accordance with the diocesan plan and things feel a bit different. It is good to have you here with us today. Thank you for coming!

In order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and maximize the safety and well-being of everyone, please be mindful of the following:

- Please continue to wear your mask throughout the service.
- Please 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.
- Please 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
Leslie Lewis, given by the Lewis family.

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

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149 *said together in unison*

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his maker; * let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.

Let them praise his name in the dance; * let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people * and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; * let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat * and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations * and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains * and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgement decreed; * this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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 "*Hear our prayer.*"

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 your 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 Ascah

Readers & Intercessors: 8am – Lois Dewey; 10:30am – Donna Howard

Greeters: 8am – Karen Bryan; Paul Byington; 10:30am – Gail Brennan;

Linda Coleman

Ushers: 8am – Brenda Ferguson; Terri Marsden; 10:30am – Dan & Virginia Willis

Readings for next Sunday, September 13 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-26

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. James, Leitrim & All Saints, Greely and the Rev'd Joan Riding; St. Mary's Russell and the Rev'd Ann Quick; all who labour for the good of our society on this Labour Day weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pint & a Passage: Mon Sept14 at 7pm

We won't gather at the pub but we can spend time with the Word in our own homes on Mondays at 7pm. Pour yourself a pint, or a cup of tea and dig into the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday with friends "virtually". Pre-registration is required: e-mail catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca You will receive coordinates for the on-line meeting.

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.
(Take Hwy 15 south from Smiths Falls to Briton-Houghton Rd. between Lombardy & Portland; Turn right and follow past Old Kingston Rd. Millpond CA on the right) 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 and snacks at this time.

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