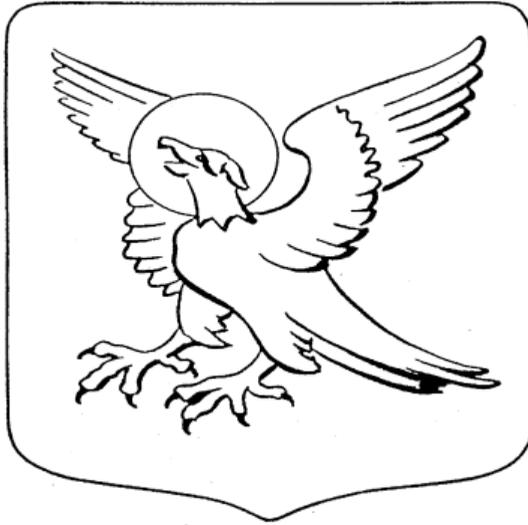


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**November 15, 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.

Amber stage of the diocesan Pandemic plan means various safety measures to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Many of these feel counter-intuitive and just plain strange and awkward. We are social creatures and the desire to linger, chat and hug is hard-wired into us but for now (not for always) there are limitations on how we can "be together". 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. Please keep your mask on until the priest has moved away from you. You should sanitize your hands before and after receiving Communion.
- Following the service, please wait for the Greeter to direct your 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. 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.

# 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 sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him 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**

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."'

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123** *said together in unison*

**To you I lift up my eyes, \* to you enthroned in the heavens.**

**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \* until he show us his mercy.**

**Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \* for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

**Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \* and of the derision of the proud.**

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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.**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have

made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 and refrain from physical contact with those outside your "bubble".*

## 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    We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

**All**            **We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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, please wait until 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. Please keep your physical distance as you exit. 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: Trish Warren

Greeters  
8am: Lois Dewey; Paul Byington  
10:30am: Donna & Paul Howard

Ushers  
8am: Terri Marsden; Brenda Ferguson  
10:30am: Sue Norman; Ann Hare

Readings for next Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Reign of Christ  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

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

**In our Diocese we pray for:** The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; St. Margaret's, Vanier, The Ven. Robert Davis, Interim Priest in Charge, The Rev'd Aigah Attagutsiak and Deacon Stephen Zytveld; Members of the Diocesan Outreach Committee and its subcommittees and working groups.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pint & a Passage: Mon 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).

### **Holy Communion: Wed at 10am**

A service of Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer is now offered at 10am Wednesdays in the main body of the church. COVID protocols are in place. No pre-registration is required, but a reminder to self-screen for COVID symptoms, stay home if you are feeling unwell and observe all other COVID protocols per St. John's pandemic plan. Enter via the Parish Hall or the parking lot ramp door.

### **Canadian Church Calendars**

The 2021 Canadian Church calendars are in and are available for purchase. Cost is \$5. 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.

### **Community Dinner "To Go": Sun Nov 15**

Building on the success of our summer Meals – to – Go program and our Thanksgiving dinner by delivery, there will be a Community Dinner "to go" today. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to prepare and pack these dinners and to the drivers who are delivering them.

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## Weekly Liturgies

Sundays 8am & 10:30am Holy Eucharist  
Wednesdays 10am Holy Communion

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