

# 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.



## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Andante from Trumpet Concerto (Franz Joseph Haydn)*

### OPENING HYMN 300

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

O God, you summon the day to dawn;  
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

For you the valleys will sing for joy,  
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

To you the monarchs of earth shall bow,  
the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

Your love and justice shall last for ever,  
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**Great is your name. Great is your love. Alleluia!**

# THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with you, the Source of life. **Amen.**

# THE FIRST READING

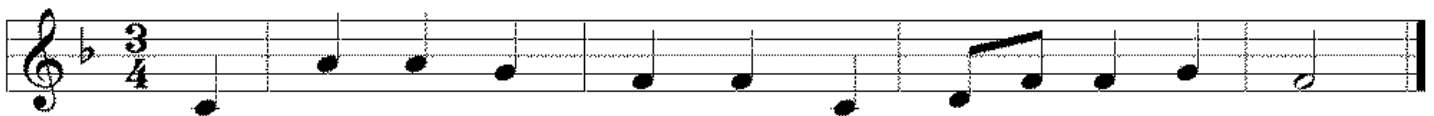
*Acts 9:36-43*

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 23



The Lord is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his names sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **THE SECOND READING**

*Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 519**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*John 10:22-30*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

## **ANTHEM**

*The Lord is My Shepherd (John Rutter)*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God;

**who is older than eternity and younger than our next breath;**

**who is beyond describing yet knows us all by name;**

**who inspires faith yet cannot be contained by religion.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

he came in the body to give worth to every human life.

**He touched the untouchable, loved the unlovable,**

**and endured slander, persecution and death.**

We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth

through Christ's suffering love.

**He rose from the grave as living proof**

**that what is laid down in faith will be raised in glory.**

**He ascended to heaven to be present at all times to all people.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**who leads us into truth and freedom,**

**who gives good gifts to all God's children,**

**who works through prayer and politics, through justice,**

**care of creation and the healing of the nations.**

We celebrate the potential God has given:  
**the life in our bodies, the yearning in our souls,  
the promise of good things in store  
for those who love and serve their maker. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **THE PEACE**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 73**

*One Bread, One Body*

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

God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. **Amen.**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

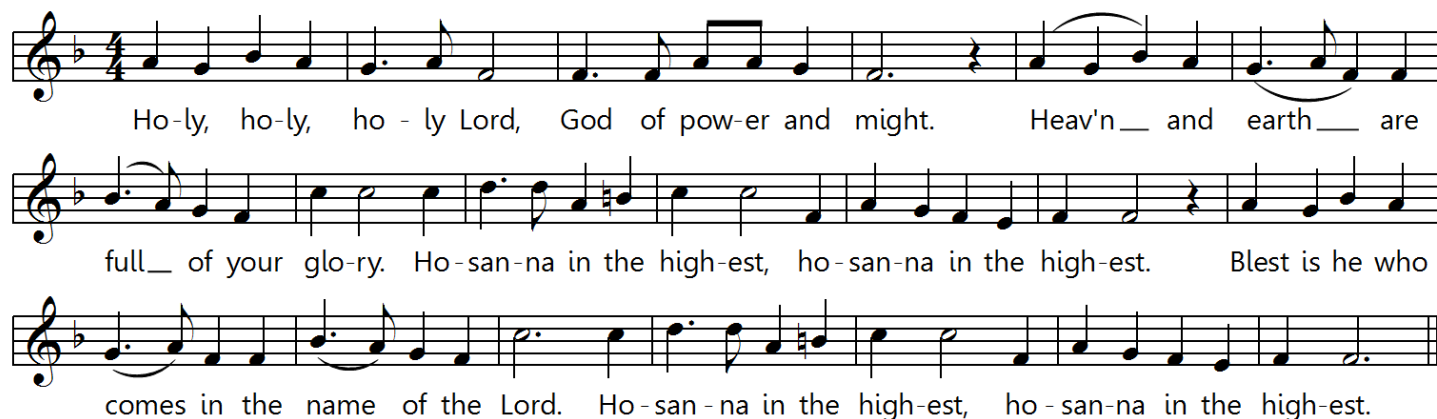
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, for you are the One from whom we came and the One to whom we will return. You conceived the universe, wove the world together, and hold all life in your hand.

You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst, and you will not let us go.

So, with rain, wind and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you. With angels and archangels, with the saints from long ago, with our loved ones who are gathered round your heavenly table, we praise you. With the church throughout the world, with all who love Jesus and honour his name, we praise you, singing the hymn of your everlasting glory:



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.

Blessed is he who was born among us incognito; who grew up without privilege or status; who walked the way to heaven through the back streets of this world; who told deepest truths in ordinary language. Blessed is he who touched and healed, blessed and disturbed without fear or favour; who showed inclusive love in all its unconditional glory; who, for all this, was crucified, died and was buried; who, for all this and for all of us, rose again; who, though high in heaven is present with us here and now. Blessed is he in all his love and beauty.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread; and when he had blessed it, he broke it and said, 'Take this and eat it. It is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.'

Then later, during the meal, he took a cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he said, 'In this cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Take this, all of you, to remember me.'

God beyond holiness, as we do what Jesus once did, let your Spirit move among us ✕ to settle on this bread and this wine, that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

And let that same Spirit stir our souls, so that as we share this sacrament, we may recognize our Lord and receive him, that he may be in us, and we in him, for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, 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.*

He who was buried but rose from the dead,  
**is present to us in this bread.**

He, whose wounded hands were offered to the unbelieving,  
**reaches out to us in this cup.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION** *Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (arr. Gordon Johnston)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of steadfast love, watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son. May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen.**

From where we are to where you need us,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

From the familiarity of what we know, to the wonder of what you will reveal,  
**Jesus, now lead on.**

To transform the fabric of this world, until it resembles the shape of your  
kingdom,

**Jesus, now lead on.**

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

**Jesus, now lead on. Amen. Alleluia!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

May the light of God lead you, the power of God hold you, the joy of God  
heal you, the grace of God caress you, and the love of God bless you, ✠ this  
day and all your days. **Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN 486**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, go forth in the power of the risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Paeon (Oliphant Chuckerbutty)*

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*Presider & Preacher*

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

*Deacon*

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

*Organist*

Dr Gordon Johnston

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