

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Smiths Falls, Ontario | Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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HOLY EUCHARIST IN PANDEMIC

Book of Alternative Services

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and un-ceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. Wherever you are worshiping this morning, consider the traditional land you are on and give thanks for the gift of it, praying we may dwell on the land with respect and peace.

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.

People 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.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for him. Give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king

over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; * in the city of our God is his holy hill.

Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, * the very centre of the world and the city of the great king.

God is in her citadels; * he is known to be her sure refuge.

Behold, the kings of the earth assembled * and marched forward together.

They looked and were astounded; * they retreated and fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there; * they writhed like a woman in childbirth, like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.

As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; * God has established her for ever.

We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, * in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end; * your right hand is full of justice.

Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgements.

Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; * count the number of her towers.

Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; * that you may tell those who come after.

This God is our God for ever and ever; * he shall be our guide for evermore.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the 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

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one mind to God the Creator of all, saying "Lord, hear our prayer".

That the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may renew and deepen the life of all who would follow the way of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our Church will fulfill Jesus' command to bring the Gospel of love to every heart and to every place; for all bishops, priests and deacons; and for the people of this parish of St. John. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the righteousness of God may guide the hearts and minds of the world's leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; peace across the face of the earth, in every nation and amongst all peoples, Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the compassion of God will call all the children, women and men who live in Smiths Falls to care for each other, and especially for those who are homeless, destitute, marginalized, isolated or alone. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the healing power of the Holy Spirit may bring health and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially those whom we hold in our hearts and minds at this time. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the comfort of Christ will be with those who suffer loss and those who mourn; and that the hope of Christ will be with us as we remember those who have died. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the inner workings of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope and your calming peace. This we pray in the strong name of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise, and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Celebrant The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**