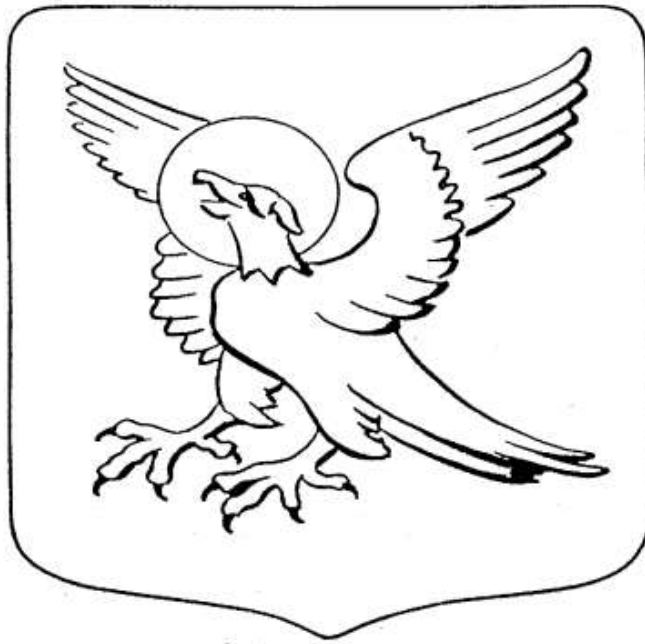


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2021

HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 8am & 10 am

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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. But after 16 months of the pandemic, we've started to get the hang of it". 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 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. You may 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 clergy 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. Please sanitize your hands upon leaving.
- Cold drinks will be available on the front lawn after each service, weather permitting. Please observe physical distancing while catching up with friends and neighbours. Please wear your mask unless you are sipping your lemonade!
- Be patient and kind with yourself and one another as we navigate the current "normal."

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 Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; 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

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armour-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.' The king said to the Cushite, 'Is it well with the young man Absalom?' The Cushite answered, 'May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.' David Mourns for Absalom. The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, 'O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130 *said together in unison*

**Out of the depths have I called you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
*let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who
could stand?**

**For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be
feared.**

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my
hope.**

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the
morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord, * for with the Lord there is mercy;

**With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem
Israel from all their sins.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Holy Gospel (*please stand*)

John 6:35, 41-51

Deacon: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

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 and refrain from physical contact with those outside your “bubble” as you share the peace of Christ with your neighbours.

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 "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

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 clergy will come and give communion to you. Please keep your mask on until they have moved away from you, at which point you may remove your mask to consume the bread. Please 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
The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Preacher
The Reverend Robert Sicard

Readers & Intercessors
8am: Nancy Fleming
10am: Dawn Dunlop

Greeters
8am: Joan Dunbar; Cindy Penman
10am: Doreen & Ron Watt

Readings for next Sunday, August 15 – St. Mary the Virgin
Isaiah 7:10-15; Psalm 132:6-10, 13-14; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

Return of Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

The celebration of Holy Communion, from the Book of Common Prayer, has resumed on Wednesdays at 10:00am. No advance registration required. Please enter via the ramp door off the parking lot or the parish hall entrance and sign in at the back of the church before making your way to an available pew in the church.

In our Parish we pray for: Margaret; Dan, Philip & Lianne Burns; Ann R. Bothwell; Melanie; Dale Kerr; Susan & Garry Peters; Bill Pollock; Paul Dunlop; Val L.; Rita; Chris Cutler; Drew; Tim; Marilyn.

Friends of the Parish we pray for: Zachary & Terri, Jacqui, Kathy O'Shea, David; John Duncan; Nancy & Mary Esther Griffith; Sarah Telford; Robert Apro; Logan; Meagan, Jeff, and Baby Grayson; Christine Hill; Jasmine Claxton; David M.; Katherine F.; Carol; Bob & Marnie McCook; Bernie Rawlings; Carole & Donald Foster; Brian Doherty; Penny Harper; Don D; Beth: Joan.

Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for:

Bev Lannin; Cora Beasley; Thelma Doherty; Betty Gault; Helen Cameron; Brenda Hauraney; Ken Winkenweder; Joan Dillon; Pat & Lily Willis; Leona Jones; Norma McPhee-Ranger; Jean Green.

In our Diocese we pray for: In our Diocese we pray for: The Right Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa. St. Clare's, North Dundas: And all who minister there. Holy Trinity, Bearbrook: The Rev'd Chung Yan (JoAnne) Lam. St. Mary's, Navan. St. Mary the Virgin, Blackburn. For the residents, staff and chaplains of the Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre, and The Rev'd Caroline Ducros, Anglican Chaplain.

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