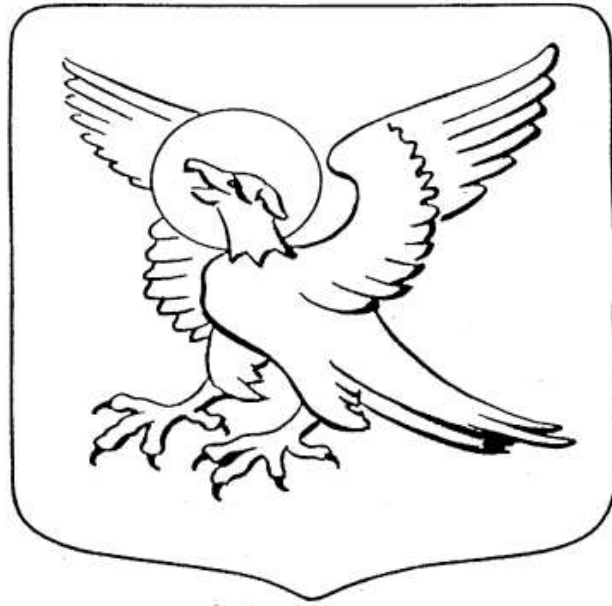


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 84** *said together in unison*

**How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \* My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

**The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.**

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

**Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

**They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

**Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.**

**Behold our defender, O God; \* and look upon the face of your anointed.**

**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \* and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \* he will give grace and glory;**

**No good thing will the Lord withhold \* from those who walk with integrity. O Lord of hosts, \* happy are they who put their trust in you.**

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

**All                Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel** (*please stand*)

John 6:56-69

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.**

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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 and Preacher  
The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Deacon  
The Reverend Robert Sicard

Readers & Intercessors  
8am: Cindy Penman  
10am: Karen Bryan

Greeters  
8am: Brenda Ferguson; Terri Marsden  
10am: Linda Coleman; Gail Brennan

Readings for next Sunday, August 29 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Carl Young for providing flowers at the altar from his garden these past several weeks. They have helped to beautify the sanctuary and welcome us back to in person worship.

If you would like to have memorial flowers at the altar, please contact Louise Sherry at (613) 283-1261 or [stjohns\\_smithsfalls@bellnet.net](mailto:stjohns_smithsfalls@bellnet.net)

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

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

**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:** The Right Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa. St. Bartholomew's, Ottawa; The Rev'd Canon David Clunie. The new school year, students of all ages and their teachers and parents.

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