

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021
Season of Creation

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 8am & 10am
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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.

Yellow stage of the diocesan Pandemic plan means various safety measures to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. Some things are the same as in Amber stage and some are different. 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.
- Currently, Sunday School is offered virtually. We are working to return to in-person Sunday School soon.
- Congregational singing has returned!
- 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 at the exits.
- Communion in one kind 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 or in the parish hall (maximum 25 people). Please observe physical distancing while catching up with friends and neighbours. Please wear your mask unless you are sipping your lemonade!
- Please continue to be patient and kind with yourself and one another as we navigate the current "normal."

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Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

Prelude

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Hymn 393

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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Gloria

Tune: Darwall

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,

the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,

have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; 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

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146:4-9 (please remain seated)

Tune: St. Flavian

**Happy are they whose hope is in the God whom Jacob knew;
who made the heavens, earth and sea, whose promises are true.**

**To those oppressed, the Lord our God gives justice constantly;
he feeds the hungry, and all those in prison he sets free.**

**The Lord lifts up all those bowed down and gives the blind new sight;
the stranger, widow, fatherless, he strengthens by his might.**

**God brings the wicked to their doom, and he will reign always;
from age to age, O Zion, sing, to God unending praise.**

Second Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 397 vv 1 - 2

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you.*

All: *And also with you.*

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

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

From there (Jesus) set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

Gradual Hymn v3

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Intercessions (*Please kneel or sit. Response: Hear our prayer.*)

Confession and absolution

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The Peace (*Please stand*)

Hymn 306

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Great Thanksgiving (Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 1)

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 Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation. Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:

**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. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you. Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." And now we gather in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

All *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Agnus Dei (*sung twice*)

Land of Rest

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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. Sanitize your hands before and after receiving Communion.

Hymns during Communion: Red Song Book - 119, 107

Hymn after Communion: 74

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 430

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 Ascah

Deacon
The Reverend Robert Sicard

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

Greeters
8am: Lois Dewey; Paul Byington
10am: Linda Coleman; Gail Brennan

Readings for next Sunday, September 12 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Please note that the parish and office will be closed Mon Sept 6 for Labour Day.
Regular office hours resume on Tues Sept 7.

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; Vivian.

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; Ashley, Mike, Keaton & Elara.

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; Marion Bennett.

In our Diocese we pray for: The Right Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; St. James, Leitrim & All Saints, Greely and the Rev'd Joan Riding; St. Mary's, Russell and the Rev'd Dr. Anne Quick; for all who labour for the good of our society on this Labour Day weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Season of Creation Sept 1 – 30

Take time this month to be particularly mindful of the created order and our call for good environmental stewardship. For resources and ways to mark the season of creation, visit <https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation/>

Monday Night Bible Study (virtual via ZOOM) 7pm starting Sept 13

Pour yourself a pint or a cuppa, log-in and join the discussion on the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday. To get the ZOOM log-in coordinates, e-mail catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca

Book of Revelation Study (in-person) 12noon Wed starting Sept 15

Work through the Revelation to John in this weekly noon hour study. In-person study is limited to 10 people total in the Yellow Stage of our pandemic plan, so pre-registration is required. Contact the Rev'd Robert Sicard at rsicard07@gmail.com Bring a bag lunch, your bible, an open heart and mind.

Murray Watson Presentation (virtual via ZOOM) 7pm Wed Sept 15

Drama on the Mountain in Moriah: The Shared Story of Abraham, Isaac & Ishmael.

Dr. Murray Watson shares Christian and Jewish interpretations and historical commentary on the story of the near sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22. He will also take a quick dip in Islam's take on the story. Pre-registration is required by e-mailing catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca Murray is a Catholic Biblical scholar who has studied in Rome, Jerusalem and Dublin and has worked for many years in the fields of ecumenism and interfaith dialogue.

Community Dinner on Delivery Sun Sept 18

Shepherd's Pie, salad, roll & cake delivered to those in our community who register. To with preparation, contact Virginia Willis at vawillis723@yahoo.com To volunteer as a driver, contact catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca

Walking Pilgrimage 10:30am – 1pm Sat Oct 2

Millpond Conservation Area 4774 Briton-Houghton Bay Road in Rideau Lakes. A combination of silence, readings, prayer and reflection as we hike the approximately 4.5km route. Trails are marked, but include uneven and sometimes shifting terrain with inclines, downward slopes, exposed rocks and tree roots. Bring a pack lunch. Physical distancing will be required. Due to COVID protocols, carpooling is not recommended other than with those in your own household or "bubble".

Blessing of the Animals 4pm Sun Oct 3

Bring your critters, large or small for a blessing!

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