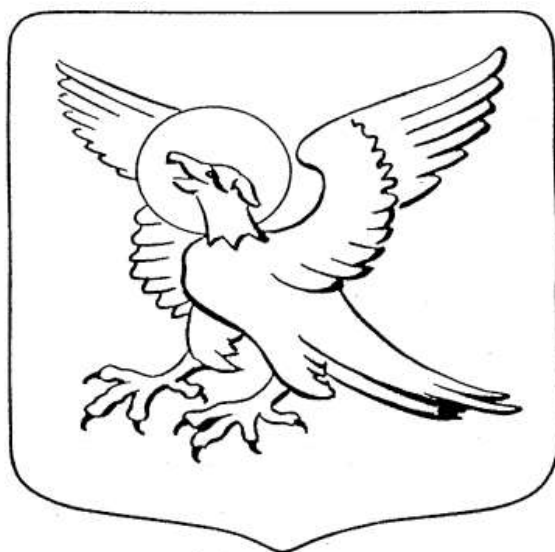


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 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."

The flowers at the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joyce and Bill Swenson, given by their family.

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Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

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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

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 19 *(said in unison; please remain seated)*

The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, * O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and

sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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*)

Please remain in your pew during the peace. Make eye contact with your neighbour, smile behind your mask and wish them the peace of Christ.

Hymn 450

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.

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The Blessing

Dismissal

Hymn 505

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: Lois Dewey

10am: Donna Howard

Greeters

8am: Tammy & Bob Mulrooney

10am: Doreen & Ron Watt

Readings for next Sunday, September 19 – Holy Cross (transferred)
Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:18-24; John 3:13-17

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. Helen's, Orleans – The Venerable Susan Churchill-Lackey & The Reverend Canon Peter Lackey; For Open Table Ministry to university students.

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 19

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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