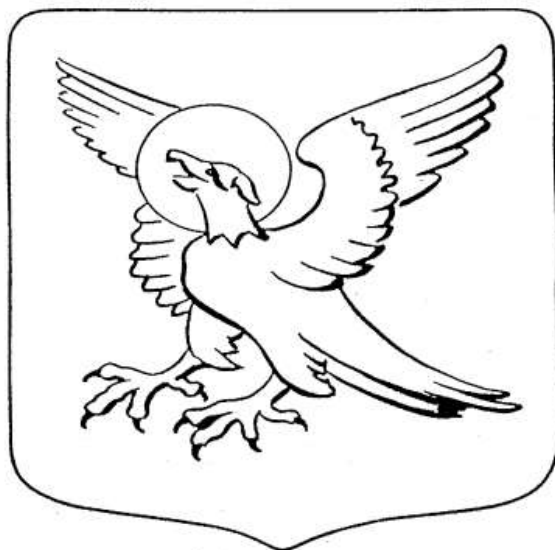


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021
Season of Creation

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 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. We are called to show patience, kindness, respect and care for one another in these challenging times. Please be mindful of the following:

- Proof of vaccination is **not** required to attend worship services. All of St. John's clergy have been fully vaccinated.
- Masks are mandatory, even if you are fully vaccinated. 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!

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am

Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

Prelude

Announcements

Hymn Come Now is the Time to Worship
Come, now is the time to worship;
come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God;
one day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship;
come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
come, just as you are before your God. Come, come, come.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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Collect for Purity

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Gloria (said in unison)

Glory to God in the highest, 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

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124 *(said in unison; please remain seated)*

If the Lord had not been on our side, * let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, * when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive * in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us * and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters * have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord! * he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Deacon: 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 532

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.**

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 (*sung*)

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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.

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.

Hymn after Communion

Benediction

**May the Lord bless us, and may he keep us
and make his face to shine upon
and when we part ways, may we know his grace.
May hope everlasting
keep us strong.**

Chorus:

**To God be the glory, forever and ever,
to God be the praise of all men.
To God be the glory, forever and ever,
to God be the glory amen**

**May the Lord bless us, and may he keep us
and make his face to, shine upon
and when we part ways, may we know his grace.
May hope everlasting,
keep us strong**

Chorus x 2

Prayer after Communion

**Doxology
The Blessing**

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Dismissal

Hymn Red Song Book 163

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: Chris Cutler
10am: Pat Lee

Greeters
8am: Joan Dunbar; Cindy Penman
10am: Karen Bryan; Dan Willis

Readings for next Sunday, October 3, Pentecost 19
Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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; Sandra; Lila P.

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; Martha; Lorna.

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. Matthew's, Ottawa, The Rev'd Geoff Chapman: the chaplain to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, The Rev'd Canon Catherine Ascah. In our Companion Diocese, the Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for St. Matthew's Church, Zababdeh, West Bank. We also pray for the Theodore Schneller Chapel, Amman Jordan, and the School for Boys.

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) Mondays at 7pm

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 Wednesdays

In-person study is limited to 10 people total in the Yellow Stage of our pandemic plan. Registration is currently full, but if you wish to be added to a wait list, contact the Rev'd Robert Sicard at rsicard07@gmail.com
Bring a bag lunch, your bible, an open heart and mind.

Series to mark National Week of Reconciliation: Sept 27 – Oct 1

The St. John's Reconciliation Working Group will be broadcasting material and video segments each day at noon. The main production will be broadcast on Thurs Sept 30 with shorter segments on Sept 27, 28, 29 and Oct 1.

The Parson's Soup

The Parson is making soup again this autumn! Proceeds will go to PWRDF. Choose from butternut squash & apple bisque or roasted carrot & shallot. Soups will be frozen and cost \$5/500ml (16oz). Contact the parish office to order.

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

Millpond Conservation Area 4774 Briton-Houghton Bay Road in Rideau Lakes.

A combination of silence, readings, prayer and reflection on creation and our place in it 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. Wear clothing suitable to the weather and sturdy walking shoes or boots with good treads and bring a pack lunch.

COVID protocols will be observed. No pre-registration is required.

Blessing of the Animals 4pm Sun Oct 3

Bring your critters, large or small for a blessing! There will be an award for the "best dressed" pet! We hope to be outdoors so please bring your lawn chair(s).

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Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8am & 10am – Wednesdays 10am

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