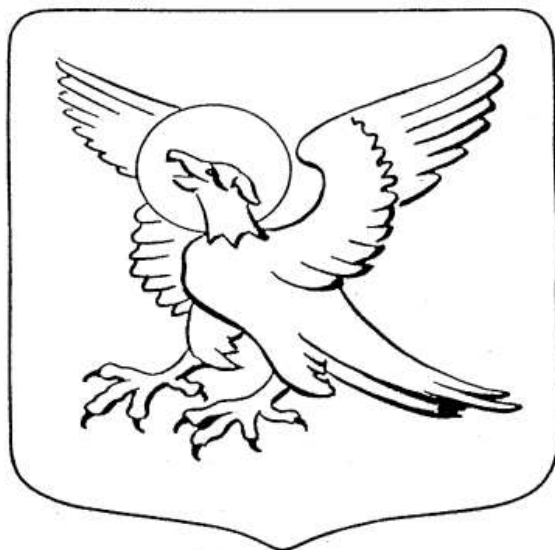


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH
Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 31, 2021

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 8am
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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.
- Sunday School is offered in the lower hall. Children will remain in Sunday School for the duration of the service. Parents/Guardians are asked to take their children downstairs via the exterior lower hall door to sign them in, and to pick up their children following the service.
- 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.
- 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.
- The serving of refreshments during social hour has been suspended until further notice as a COVID precaution.

The flowers at the altar are to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Gordon Cutler, given by his family.

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Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

Prelude

Hymn 442

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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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, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his, that in us your promises may be fulfilled; 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

Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had had consideration for his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, 'Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.' Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, 'No, we will return with you to your people.' But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.' But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be

my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!’ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 *(said in unison; please remain seated)*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; *he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, *your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

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.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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

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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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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 Jim Roberts

Preacher
The Reverend Robert Sicard

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

Greeters
8am: Tammy & Bob Mulrooney
10am: Nancy Fleming; Linda MacLaren

Readings for next Sunday, November 7, Feast of All Saints
(transferred) with Act of Remembrance
Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

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; Kathy.

Friends of the Parish we pray for: Zachary & Terri, Jacqui, David; John Duncan; Nancy; Sarah Telford; Robert Apro; Logan; Meagan, Jeff, and Baby Grayson; Jasmine Claxton; David M.; Katherine F.; Carol; 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; 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; The Area Parish of Mississippi Lake: St. James Church, Carleton Place; St. James Church, Franktown; St. John's Church, Innisville; Christ Church Ashton; St. Bede's Church, Nolans Corners. The Venerable Brian Kauk; The Rev'd Jonathan Askwith; The Rev'd Canon Mary Ellen Berry. For our Lutheran sisters and brothers on Reformation Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, contact stjohns_smithsfalls@bellnet.ca

Sunday School

In-person Sunday School has resumed! Emily has worked hard to ensure COVID protocols are in place and that the program is as safe as possible for children. Parents/guardians are asked to bring children to Sunday School via the lower exterior door in front of the parish hall, proceed downstairs and register their child. Adults will then go upstairs to check in to attend church. The children will remain in Sunday School throughout the whole service and their parents/guardians are asked to pick them up after church. If you are able to help Emily by volunteering in Sunday School, please reach out to her.

Canon Catherine is on holidays, returning on Saturday, November 6. During that time, the Reverend Robert Sicard will be responsible for all liturgical and pastoral matters, and will work with the wardens for all administrative matters. Canon Jim Roberts has agreed to preside at the Eucharist at 8:00am Sundays and 10:00am Wednesdays during Catherine's absence.

All Souls' Vigil Sun Nov 7 at 4pm

An in-person service for the Commemoration of All Souls will be held at St. John's during which we remember by name all who have died in the past year, and any of our loved ones we wish to remember. If you would like your loved one to be remembered by name at the service, please e-mail rsicard@gmail.com by **Tues Nov 2**. If you would like to attend this service in person, please contact the parish office to register. COVID protocols and capacity limits will be in place. The service will also be lived streamed for those who cannot or choose not to attend in person.

Request for Assistance

We have received a request from the Salvation Army regarding their Christmas Campaign. They are seeking volunteers for their Kettle Program. If you are interested in helping out with this Program, please contact the Kettle co-ordinator, Mary Lynn Wilson at 613-283-3563 or email her at:

Mary-Lynn.Wilson@salvationarmy.ca

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Weekly Liturgies

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

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