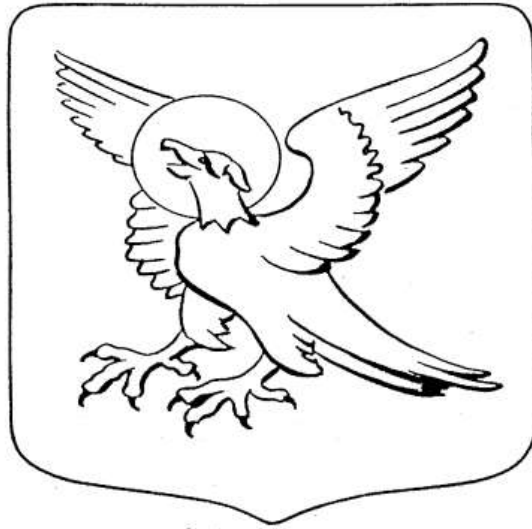


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

SUNG EUCHARIST & RITE OF RECEPTION ~ 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. It has proven very effective for our church. Please show patience, kindness, respect and care for one another in these challenging times.

- 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. And continue with physical distancing.
- 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.
- The offering plates will not be passed. You may place your donation in the box/bowl at the back of the church or at the exits. Thank you for your donation!
- Communion is now offered in **both kinds** for those who wish to receive it. The Greeter will indicate when you may leave your pew. Please make your way up the centre aisle to the clergy at the chancel steps to receive the bread, and then make your way to the table at the side aisle where you may receive the wine. The Communion assistant will say to you "The blood of Christ." You may choose to pick up the chalice and drink from it, or simply bow your head in response if you do not wish to receive. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) is **not** permitted. Once you drink from the chalice, place it back on the table. The Communion assistant will then wipe the rim and rotate it for the next recipient. You then return to your pew via the side aisle. You may remove your mask when you receive Communion and replace it as you return to your pew. You will want to make sure you physically distance from each other as you wait to receive 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.

Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today we welcome into the Anglican Communion Chris Cutler.

Prelude

Announcements

Hymn 88

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

Bishop: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: One God and Father of all.

Canticle

Tune: St. Agnes

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
to God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name – the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 (*sung in unison; please remain seated*) *Tune: Rockingham*

**Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
and teach my feet your path, I pray;
for my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.**

**Remember your compassion, Lord,
your steadfast love of ancient days,
and in that love remember me,
remember not my youthful ways.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord;
he teaches sinners in his way;
he guides the humble toward the right,
instructs the lowly day by day.**

**The pathways of the Lord are love
and faithfulness to all his own
who keep his cov-en-ant and all
the testimonies he made known.**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Come Thou Redeemer*

Tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur

**Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.**

**From God the Father he proceeds,
to God the Father back he speeds,
runs out his course to death and hell,
returns on God's high throne to dwell.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-9

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Jesus said) 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Deacon: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Presentation and Examination

Presenters: We present Christine Cutler to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

The bishop addresses the congregation.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with Chris who commits herself again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Intercessions (*Please kneel or sit. The response is: Lord, have mercy.*)

Following the intercessions, silence is kept. The bishop then prays:

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant Chris the covenant you made with her at her baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Chris, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand)*

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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 92

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Bishop: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our
Lord, ...
... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and
archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever
sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus ***Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*** *Tune: Land of Rest*

Bishop: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and
love you have made known to us in creation; ...
... Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Bishop: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
Lord of all; ...
... by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Bishop: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Bishop: The gifts of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to the chancel steps to receive the bread, then to the table at the side aisle where you may receive the wine. You may choose to pick up the chalice and drink from it, or simply bow your head in response to "The Blood of Christ" if you do not wish to receive. Once you drink from the chalice, place it back on the table and make your way back to your pew, replacing your mask. Be assured that in the Anglican tradition receiving in one kind is considered full Communion. Please maintain physical distancing as you move to and from Communion.

Hymn during Communion 89

Hymn after Communion

**Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
offer our praises, with our glad thanksgiving,
offer ourselves, Lord, souls and bodies to thee,
Christ's death proclaiming.**

**So, Lord, we thank thee, for that thou dost feed us,
members united in that mystic body—
company blessed of all thy faithful people:
thus we would serve thee.**

Prayer after Communion

Bishop: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you. Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Hymn 486

Postlude

Following the service, 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. Those wishing to remain for Q&A with the Bishop are welcome to do so. We will reconvene in the church shortly after the service.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Right Reverend Shane Parker

Deacon: The Reverend Robert Sicard

Reader & Intercessor: Trish Warren

Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis

Greeters: Donna & Paul Howard

Readings for next Sunday, December 5 ~ Advent II

Malachi 3:1-4; Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68-79); Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

BC Flood Relief: PWRDF is accepting donations towards an emergency response to the flooding in British Columbia. Cheques payable to PWRDF may be placed in the offering boxes: please mark BC Flood in the memo line. Or call 1-866-308-7973, or visit <https://pwrdf.org/give-today>

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; Sandra; Lila P; Kathy; Erin; Rachael.

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; Susan; Sylvia.

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; Vivian Fleming.

In our Diocese we pray for: The Right Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; Centre 454, one of our Diocesan Community Ministries, Rachel Robinson, Executive Director. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for The Virgin Mary Episcopal Church, Irbid, Jordan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Retirement Announcement

After 20 years of serving as St. John's secretary, Louise Sherry is retiring on Dec 31. Her last day in the office will be Dec 3, after which she will take her much deserved holidays. Louise's warm, 'down home' kindness has welcomed many visitors and parishioners over the years. Because the pandemic restrictions still in place make a customary reception or open-house a bit challenging, please consider joining in a "drive by" in front of the church on Fri Dec 3 between 10 – 10:30am to wave and wish Louise well.

Appointment & Ordination Announcement

Bishop Shane has appointed the Rev'd Robert Sicard as Incumbent (half-time) to Christ Church, Aylmer effective Jan 11 and will ordain him priest at Christ Church Cathedral on Sat Dec 4 at 11am. Bob's last day at St. John's will be Christmas Eve, and his last Sunday will be Dec 19, after which you are welcome to greet Bob following each service in front of the church and wish him well as he takes up his new appointment. All are welcome to attend the service of ordination. The service will be livestreamed at www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedralottawa. *Please note: to attend the ordination in person the Cathedral requires proof of full vaccination and photo identification. The service will be livestreamed.*

Community Dinner on Delivery – Dec 19

Our next Community Dinner on Delivery will be Sun Dec 19. Please contact Virginia Willis (vawillis723@yahoo.com) if you are able to help with prep Dec 16 – 18. If you are able to deliver on Dec 19 please contact

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2021 Canadian Church Calendars

The calendars are in and there is a lovely photo of our baptismal font featured in the month of April. Calendars are \$5 again this year and are available from the parish office.

Diocese of Ottawa 125th Anniversary Lecture Series

Michelle Good, author of the Governor General's Award-winning novel Five Little Indians will deliver the first of the Commemorative Lectures at 7:30pm on Mon Dec 6. This is a virtual event. For more information or to register visit <https://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/popup.php?op=view&id=155409004&cid=anglicandioceseottawa&PHPSESSID=38fa692a689248af3a0cf920e8237d68>

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN'S

Advent Walk – Sun Nov 28 4pm

Take a pilgrimage through the town, starting at St. Francis Church and finishing at St. John's with stops for scripture and prayer at various stations. Dress warmly for the weather, bring your own lantern or battery-operated light and any jingle bells you may have. You must wear a mask, maintain physical distancing and provide contact tracing information. We will remain outdoors for the entire walk.

Advent Study Series: The Virtual Preaching Monks

Dec 5, 12 & 19 12noon

Come for a simple soup lunch in the lower hall and tune into a video presentation by the Society of St. John the Evangelist, followed by discussion on the presentation. In keeping with our pandemic protocols, proof of vaccination is required to attend this in-person event.

Advent Spiral – Sun Dec 12 4pm

This gentle time is suitable for adults and children. Come walk the spiral at St. John's and embark on your own inward journey as you seek the light that shines in the dark. This is an outdoor event. Masks are required, contact tracing information will be collected and physical distancing maintained. In case of extremely inclement weather, please check the parish website for a storm date.

Lessons & Carols for Christmas – Sun Dec 19 4pm

Come and hear the story of God's loving purpose in creation, from the time God's spirit moved over the waters at the beginning of time, to the redemption of the world by Christ Jesus, the timeless word made flesh. There will be congregational singing and carols offered by St. John's Choir and Beginnings. Pre-registration is required for this service. Please contact the parish office in order to register.

Advent Calendar

Tune in to St. John's Facebook page and YouTube channel for a daily offering, journeying towards Christmas. The accompanying calendar offers suggestions of ways to engage in acts of mission and ministry in this holy season.

Christmas Liturgies at St. John's

Sun Dec 19 Advent IV	4pm for Christmas	Nine Lessons & Carols
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Fri Dec 24 Christmas Eve	4pm	Holy Eucharist & Carols with Children's Story
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	7pm	Holy Eucharist & Carols
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	11pm	Traditional Candlelight Midnight Mass
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Pre-registration is required for Lessons & Carols and for liturgies on Christmas Eve as capacity limits are in effect. Please contact the parish office to register.

Sat Dec 25 Christmas Day	10am	Holy Eucharist
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Sun Dec 26 1 st Sunday of Christmas	9am*	Holy Eucharist
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**Note: only one service on Dec 26. Please register through the parish office to attend this service.*

The church and parish office will be closed the week of December 27 – 31. Regularly scheduled liturgies will resume Sun Jan 2.

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Weekly Liturgies

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

*Sunday School offered at 10am

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