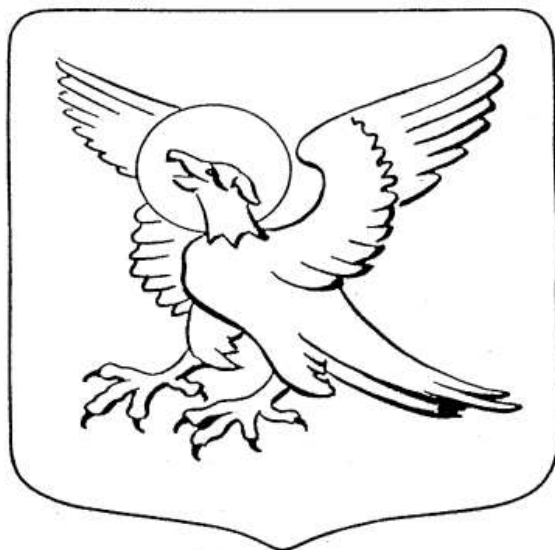


**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 19, 2021**

**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. 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.

# **HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 10am**

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

## ***Prelude***

## **Announcements**

## **Hymn 114**

# **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

**Greeting**

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**Collect for Purity**

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## **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.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!**

## **Collect of the Day**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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**

Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 80:1-7** *(please remain seated)*

*Tune: Rockingham*

**O shepherd, like a flock you lead  
your people Israel; hear our prayer;  
enthroned upon the cherubim  
in glory, shine on our despair.**

**Before Manasseh, Benjamin,  
and Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace;  
restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show us the glory of your face.**

**How long will you be angered, Lord  
although we kneel before your feet?  
You give us bowls of tears to drink,  
provide us bread of tears to eat.**

**Our enemies laugh us to scorn,  
our neighbours witness our disgrace;  
restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
show us the glory of your face.**

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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.**

**Begotten of no human will,  
but of the Spirit, thou art still  
the Word of God, in flesh arrayed,  
the Saviour, now to us displayed.**

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:39-45

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All:            And also with you.**

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was

filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

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

**Confessions 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 363**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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**Sanctus**

*Tune: Land of Rest*

***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.***

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

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**Breaking of the Bread #5**

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## **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, 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. Once you drink from the chalice, place it back on the table and make your way back to your pew. Please be assured that in the Anglican tradition receiving in one kind is considered full Communion. Please maintain physical distance from the person in front of you as you move to and from Communion.*

### **Hymns during Communion**

**O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.***

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, who orders all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.**

***Refrain***

**O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.**

***Refrain***

**O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from every foe deliver them!  
that trust your mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the  
grave. *Refrain***

**O come, O come, Immanuel; O come, O come, Immanuel.**

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**Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.**

***Refrain: When God is a child there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.***

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth. *Refrain***

**Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
telling the world that the Saviour is born. *Refrain***

**Love is a flame that burns in our heart.  
Jesus has come and will never depart. *Refrain***

### **Hymn after Communion**

**We've shared our joys and sorrows,  
we have learned what faith can mean;  
we've found how Christian love can make us one.  
And now we face tomorrow, we must follow separate dreams,  
But our faith will keep – us – strong.**

**Travel on dear friends, travel on;  
may the grace of God be with you every day.  
Travel on dear friends, travel on;  
may he walk along beside you as you go your way.**

**Travel on dear friends, travel on;  
may the grace of God be with you every day.  
Travel on dear friends, travel on;  
may he walk along beside you as you go – your – way...**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Presider** 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.**

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

### **Hymn 320**

### **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.*

Today marks the Reverend Robert Sicard's last Sunday with us at St. John's. He will be with us Christmas Eve, and then transitions to his appointment as the Incumbent (half-time) at Christ Church, Aylmer (QC) in January. St. John's has gifted Fr. Robert with a green chasuble in thanksgiving for his new ministry as a priest in the church. Please take a few minutes to greet Fr. Robert out in front of the church following this morning's liturgy.

Presiding Celebrant: The Reverend Robert Sicard  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Reader & Intercessor: Lois Dewey  
Greeters: Gail Brennan; Linda Coleman

Readings for next Sunday, December 26 ~ First Sunday after Christmas  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

**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 F.; Sandra; Lila P; Kathy; Erin; Rachael, Diane B.

**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; Joan Dillon; Pat & Lily Willis; Leona Jones; Norma McPhee-Ranger; Jean Green; Joan Davison.

**In our Diocese we pray for:** The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa and the staff of John Charles Roper House – The Ven. Linda Hill, The Rev'd Canon Dr. Peter John Hobbs, Sanjay Grover, Ringo Morella, Jane Scanlon, Heidi Fawcett, Ishita Ghose, Bill Gilbert, Dr. Glenn Lockwood, Patricia Myles, Titalayo Oyefi, Heidi Pizzuto, Sandra Purdy, Safiyah Rochelle.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Christmas Memorial Flowers**

If you wish to remember loved ones with memorial flowers this Christmas, please contact the parish office with the names of the people you wish remembered. Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the offering box on Sunday morning. Please make cheques payable to St. John's Altar Guild. Please make sure your requests are received in the parish office by Tues Dec 21.

## **2022 Canadian Church Calendars**

The calendars are in and there is a lovely photo of our baptismal font featured in the month of April. An excellent gift or stocking stuffer, calendars are \$5 again this year and are available from the parish office.

## **Forward Day by Day**

Due to a clerical error at their distribution centre, Forward Day by Day failed to mail out our November – January edition of the devotional. They will process our order for February – April and ship them as usual.

## **2022 Offering Envelopes**

If you use offering envelopes, your 2022 boxes are now available for pickup. Please note that you may have a new number. If that is the case, please be sure to use your new number starting in January.

## **COVID Boosters and Vaccine Certificates**

If you require assistance to book an appointment to get your COVID booster dose, Lois Dewey from our Pastoral Care Team is glad to help. Please call her at (613) 283-3444. Also, for those who do not have a printer, you may get an updated QR code vaccine certificate at the Smiths Falls Community Centre.

## **Do You See What I See?**

The wisemen have started their journey to see the child Jesus. They will arrive at the crèche on the Feast of the Epiphany. In the meantime, see if you spot them as they make their way from the east.

## Christmas Liturgies at St. John's

**Sun Dec 19** 4pm Nine Lessons & Carols for Christmas  
Advent IV

**Fri Dec 24** 4pm Holy Eucharist & Carols  
Christmas Eve with Children's Story

7pm Holy Eucharist & Carols

11pm Traditional Candlelight Midnight Mass

**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** 10am Holy Eucharist  
Christmas Day

**Sun Dec 26** 9am\* Holy Eucharist  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

*\*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 office hours and 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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