**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Smiths Falls, Ontario | Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 16, 2022**

**HOLY EUCHARIST IN PANDEMIC**

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*We acknowledge that we gather at St. John’s on the* *traditional and un-ceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. Wherever you are worshiping this morning, consider the traditional land you are on and give thanks for the gift of it, praying we may dwell on the land with respect and peace.*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy spirit, be with you all.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

**All to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 36:5-10** *(said in unison)*

**Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, \* and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; \* you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

**How priceless is your love, O God! \* your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

**They feast upon the abundance of your house; \* you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

**For with you is the well of life, \* and in your light we see light.**

**Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \* and your favour to those who are true of heart.**

**Holy Gospel** John 2:1-11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

**All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

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

**Intercessions**

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one mind to God the Creator of all, saying “Lord, hear our prayer”.

That the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may renew and deepen the life of all who would follow the way of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our Church will fulfill Jesus’ command to bring the Gospel of love to every heart and to every place. For Linda, Primate of Canada; Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; Anne, Metropolitan of Ontario; Shane, Bishop of Ottawa; and for the clergy and people of St. John the Evangelist. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the righteousness of God may guide the hearts and minds of the world’s leaders into ways of justice and reconciliation; that there may be peace in Jerusalem and across the face of the earth, in every nation and amongst all peoples. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the compassion of God will call all the children, women and men who live in our communities to care for each other, and especially for those who are homeless, destitute, marginalized, isolated or alone.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the healing power of the Holy Spirit may bring health and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering in body, mind or spirit, especially Paul, Val, Chris, Donnie, Sylvia, Diane, Vivian, Joan, Jean, and all those whom we hold in our hearts and minds at this time. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the comfort of Christ will be with those who suffer loss and those who mourn; and that the hope of Christ will be with us as we remember those who have died. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, accept our prayers this day, spoken aloud and in our hearts. By the inner workings of your Holy Spirit, deepen our communion with you and make each of us signs of your endless love, your steadfast hope and your calming peace. This we pray in the strong name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession & Absolution**

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant As we are reconciled with God in Christ, so may we be reconciled with one another. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People****And also with you.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the gifts**

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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.**

CelebrantHoly and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit

in the holy Church, 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**

Celebrant “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

**All Give us this bread forever.**

Celebrant “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**All May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

***Communion***

**Prayer after Communion**

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God

**All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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