**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Smiths Falls, Ontario | Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 30, 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**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**First Reading** Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.’ Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.’ But the Lord said to me, ‘Do not say, “I am only a boy”; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.’ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, ‘Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.’

Reader The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 71:1-6** *(said in unison)*

**In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.**

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.**

**Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.**

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \* from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

**For you are my hope, O Lord God, \* my confidence since I was young.**

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you**

**Holy Gospel** Luke 4:21-30

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.**

Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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**

Honouring God with our hearts as well as our lips, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings saying “Hear our prayer”.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world: 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, that we may grow in the love of Christ and reflect that love to all nations.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for Elizabeth our Queen and for all who are called to lead, that they may rule in a spirit of wisdom, so that all people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for farmers and all those who work the land that all may honour and share in the bounty of God’s creation. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Let us pray for the sick, the lost, the captives, the bereaved and those who suffer for the sake of conscience, most especially for Pat, Duncan, Diane, Donnie, Martha, Sylvia, Bev, Cora, and Thelma{pause}

that they may know the healing mercy of Christ, through the care and compassion of others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Let us give thanks for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith was known to God alone, remembering Robert Moore; Nancy Griffith and Margaret Attwell. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: receive these our prayers and thanksgivings, which we offer to you this day, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit,

renew us for your service. 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**

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven

and invigorated with new wine. may these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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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