

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

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.

The modified *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.

Some restrictions have eased and this will continue in the weeks ahead. Readers, intercessor and preachers may now remove their masks when speaking. And social gatherings/in person meetings of up to 25 people (masked and distanced) may now take place. Please show patience, kindness, respect and care as we navigate our way forward.

- 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.
- Congregational singing has resumed!
- Sunday School is offered in the lower hall. At this time, children will remain in Sunday School for the duration of the service. We are hoping to soon have the children join their families at the offertory.
- 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 and you 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.

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Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymn book unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

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Greeting

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Collect for Purity

Sentence of the Day

Trisagion (*sung 3x's*)

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution (*please kneel*)

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Collect of the Day

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; 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 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my

steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8 (sung in unison; remain seated.)

Tune: Trentham

**O God, you are my God; I seek you eagerly;
my soul and body thirst for you in barren lands and dry.**

**Therefore I gazed on you, within your holy place,
that I might look upon your pow'r, the glory of your face.**

**Your love is more than life; my lips shall give you praise;
I lift my hands up in your name, and bless you all my days.**

**My soul is well content, my mouth shall give you praise,
when I remember you at night and ponder all your ways.**

**Your wings have sheltered me, my helper in the past;
my soul, Lord, clings to you alone, your right hand holds me fast!**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do

not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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.

At that very time there were some present who told (Jesus) about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Intercessions *(Please kneel or sit. Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)*

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 615

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus

Tune: Picardy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosan-na, hosan-na, ho-san-na, hosanna in the highest.
Bless-ed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosan-na, hosan-na, ho-san-na, hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread 7

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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 to the side aisle where you may receive the wine. 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

Be Unto Your Name

**We are a moment, you are forever
Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor, you are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high.**

Chorus:

***Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Highest praises, honour and glory
Be unto your name, be unto your name***

**We are the broken, you are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you, blessing your name.**

Chorus x 2

Abide With Me

**I have a home, eternal home
But for now I walk this broken world
You walked it first, you know our pain
But You show hope can rise again up from the grave.**

Chorus:

***Abide with me, abide with me
Don't let me fall, and don't let go
Walk with me, and never leave
Ever close God abide with me***

**There in the night, Gethsemane
Before the cross, before the nails
I'm overwhelmed, alone, you prayed
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame. *Chorus***

**Oh, love that will not ever let me go
Love that will not ever let me go
You never let me go
Love that will not ever let me go.**

**And up ahead, eternity
We'll weep no more and sing for joy abide with me.
We'll weep no more and sing for joy abide with me. *Chorus***

Hymn after Communion *(please stand)*

Benediction

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

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Postlude

Those who wish to remain and visit are welcome to make their way to the parish hall. Please wear your mask and keep physically distant.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah

Reader & Intercessor: Nancy Fleming

Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley; Kevin Lewis

Greeters: Ron & Doreen Watt

Readings for next Sunday, March 27, 2022 ~ IV Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

In our Parish we pray for: Dan, Philip & Liane Burns; Ann R. Bothwell; Melanie; Dale Kerr; Susan & Garry Peters; Bill Pollock; Paul Dunlop; Val L.; Rita; Chris Cutler; Drew; Tim; Erin; Rachael; Diane.

Friends of the Parish we pray for: Zachary & Terri; Jacqui; John Duncan; Nancy; Sarah Telford; Robert Apro; Logan; Meagan, Jeff, and Baby Grayson; Katherine F.; Carol; Bernie Rawlings; Carole & Donald Foster; Don D; Beth; Martha; Lorna; Susan; Sylvia; Mikayla, Annabelle, Emily & Gabrielle; Donnie; Emily; Tom Kirkham; Stanley Finkelstein.

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; Vivian Fleming; Marilyn Nicholson.

In our Diocese we pray for: The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; Christ Church, Bells Corners and their clergy the Venerable Kathryn Otley, L.Col the Rev'd Michael Gibbons, Deacon Tamara Connors. In our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray for Saviour Church, Kufr-Yasif, Israel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday Night Bible Study (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 catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca

Community Dinner on Delivery Today

Thank you to the volunteers who have prepared and are delivering today's Community Dinner on Delivery!

Affordable Housing Initiative Information Session

An information session was held via ZOOM and on Facebook on Thur Mar 10, at which Carebridge and Cahdco presented information regarding their affordable housing project at 44 Chambers St. here in Smiths Falls. 21 people had registered to attend via ZOOM. Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy of the slides from that presentation. St. John's has been in conversation with Carebridge regarding partnership in an affordable housing project in our town since 2019. (All congregational updates on our Mission & Ministry are posted on our website.) If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please reach out to one of the Mission and Ministry team members: Karen Bryan; Brenda Ferguson; Paul Howard; Bob Mulrooney; Tammy Mulrooney; Kathy Porter; Canon Catherine.

ADO 125th Anniversary Lecture: The Rev'd Dr. Sam Wells *Re-Imagining Church*

If you were not able to watch last Sunday's concluding ADO Anniversary lecture by the Rev'd Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the Fields and one of today's most influential public theologians, the lecture (and the previous anniversary lectures) may be viewed on our diocesan YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ANGDIOOTT> Dr. Wells shared his thoughtful and keen observations and experience on how the church may effectively live out its mission in the world.

PWRDF Support to Ukraine

In response to the military invasion of Ukraine, PWRDF is accepting donations to support those displaced. Go to <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/> to donate on-line or mail your donation to PWRDF 80 Hayden St., 3rd Floor, Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2 indicating Ukraine Relief on the memo line of your cheque. A prayer vigil for peace in Ukraine will be held at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa on Sun Mar 20 at 4pm.

LENT AT ST. JOHN'S

Mon – Thurs 7am: Morning Prayer livestreamed on St. John's Facebook page

Wed Mar 23, 30 & Apr 6 12:15pm The Spiritual Disciplines

A "Lunch & Learn" time to study the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Depending on COVID protocols, a soup and bread lunch will be served.

Sun Apr 10 7pm The Way of the Cross

Prepare for the events of Good Friday by following the way of the cross in art, music, prayer and silence.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available if you are carrying a burden or contrition which you feel called to confess. Speak with Canon Catherine to arrange an appointment.

Prayer Requests

During Lent, Canon Catherine follows the monastic tradition of praying the *night offices*. If you have special prayer requests, please forward them to her in confidence via e-mail or phone, or by placing them in one of the marked bags in the narthex or front entrances.

Personal Study / Devotion Resources

Behold the Lamb: Lenten Reflections from Canadian Anglicans is a downloadable, free daily devotional.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Bet1xyEPtXEAy6AAj6Il7ffIJV0mh_3t/view

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Weekly Liturgies

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

*Sunday School offered at 10am

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