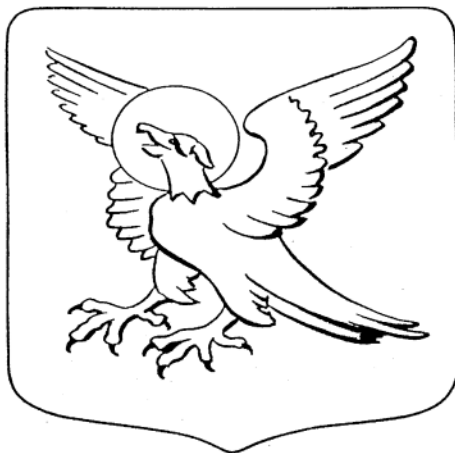


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

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Alleluia! Christ is risen. 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.

- Proof of vaccination is **not** required to attend worship services. All of St. John's clergy have been fully vaccinated.
- Masks continue to be mandatory, even if you are fully vaccinated. Please wear your mask throughout the service except when receiving Communion. Physical distancing continues to be encouraged.
- Sunday School is offered in the Upper Hall. Children will 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. If you require Communion to be brought to you, please notify the greeter.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbooks unless otherwise indicated

Prelude

Hymn 334

Holy God, We Praise your Name

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Collect for Purity

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Gloria

Tune: Darwall

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise,

almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.**

Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.

You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.

And now you reign

with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 (*please remain seated*)

Tune: Old 100th

**May God be merciful to us,
bless us, shine on us from above;
Let all earth's people know your ways,
all nations know your saving love.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord,
let them praise you, be glad, and sing;
you judge with equity all lands
and rule the nations as their king.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord;
and may the earth yield its increase;
then God, our God, will bless our land
and nations worship him in peace.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 559

Blessed Jesus, at your Word

Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

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.

Jesus answered (Judas), 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the

Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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Easter Litany

Response:



The Peace

Presider: 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 435

Take my Life, and Let it Be

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;

Heav'n 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. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) p.211

Breaking of the Bread 8 p.213

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 ***Red Song Book 16, 44, 137***

Hymn after Communion 74 ***For the Bread which You
Have Broken*** (*please stand*)

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do even more that 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

Hymn 354 ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Catherine Ascah
Reader: Lois Arkell
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis; Kathy Porter
Greeters: Garry & Ruth Rodford

Many thanks to Fred Meredith who is our organist today!

Readings for next Sunday, May 29 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

PRAYER LIST

In our Parish we pray for: Dan, Philip Burns; Ann R. Bothwell; Melanie; Dale Kerr; Susan & Garry Peters; Bill Pollock; Paul Dunlop; Val L.; Rita; Chris Cutler; Drew; Tim; Erin; Rachel; Sharon; Linda; Peter & Judy; Sandra; Lila.

Friends of the Parish we pray for: Zachary & Terri; John Duncan; 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; Tom Kirkham; Stanley Finkelstein, Carol; Jonathan; Maureen.

Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for: Cora Beasley; Helen Cameron; Brenda Hauraney; Joan Dillon; Pat & Lily Willis; Norma McPhee-Ranger; Jean Green; Joan Davison; Vivian Fleming; Marilyn Nicholson.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; diocesan and senior staff at Ascension House; The Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry and all who minister there; Anglican Church Women (ACW) and their groups and members throughout the Diocese.

We remember and give thanks for the lives of Diane Bennett, Bev Lannin, Roxanne McCloy, Robert Mulrooney Sr., Jacqui Bowick-Sandor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY (via ZOOM) MON 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

BOOK STUDY—5 LITTLE INDIANS (via ZOOM) TUES MAY 3 – JUN 7 7pm

Join in the reading and discussion of Michelle Good's debut novel which traces the lives of five first nations' people who were taken from their homes as small children and sent to a church-run residential school. The novel is a winner of the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and winner of CBC's 2022 Canada Reads book debate. Author Michelle Good is a member of Red Pheasant Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, a lawyer, advocate, poet and writer, and was the first lecturer in the ADO's 125th Anniversary Lecture Series. To obtain the ZOOM link, please e-mail catherine-ascah@ottawa.anglican.ca

SUNDAY VERSE SUN JUN 5 2pm

An afternoon with Beginnings. Your toes will be a-tapping, your voices will be singing joyously and your hearts will be filled with the love of God. There may even be a surprise or two. Please join us and bring a friend.

SPIRIT OF THE DRUM POWWOW JUN 11 & 12

Come and enjoy the offerings of dancing and drums in this year's Powwow on Duck Island. Open to all, it goes from 12noon – 6pm each day. To help educate and promote reconciliation, consider joining a group from St. John's which will walk to Duck Island at 12noon on Sun Jun 11.

CONGRATULATIONS ST. JOHN'S

At its special Vestry meeting on Wed May 18, St. John's voted in favour of donating \$500,000 to Carebridge Community Support for the completion of its affordable housing build to be located at 44 Chambers St. here in Smiths Falls. A second Vestry will be held at a date to be announced to approve the terms of the rectory mortgage that is to be used to fund the donation in part. This is a good news story for our community and our church. Many thanks to everyone who carefully and prayerfully discerned and engaged in the discussions that enabled this to take place.

NO MOW MAY

As part of Creation Cares and our responsibility to renew and sustain the earth, St. John's is participating in No Mow May. We are intentionally letting the grass – and dandelions! – grow this month and not mowing the lawn. So, while the grass may be a bit longer and the lawns look a bit unkept, it is only for the month. The bees, the butterflies and the birds will be happy!

RAISED GARDEN BED

Great news! A raised garden bed has been erected in the area between the parish hall and the church. It will be used to grow produce and flowers and will be a learning resource for our Sunday School. Included in the plants are the "Three Sisters" – the traditional indigenous crops of beans, corn and squash. They are so named because these three vegetables complement each other in the garden as well as nutritionally. Corn provides tall stalks for the beans to climb up above the sprawling squash vines. Beans provide nitrogen to fertilize the soil (bean roots take nitrogen from the air and convert it into forms easily absorbed by other plant roots) and stabilize the tall corn in heavy winds. The large leaves of the sprawling squash plants shade the ground, helping to retain soil moisture and reducing weeds. In addition, these three crops are nutritionally complete and balanced when eaten together: corn provides carbohydrates; dried beans are rich in protein and contain amino acids; squash provide different vitamins and minerals not found in the other two.

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*Sunday School offered at 10am

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