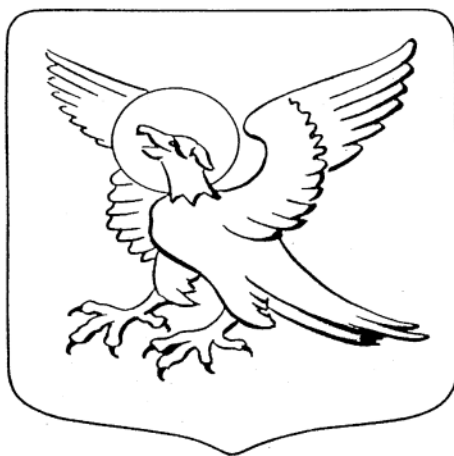


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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.

We are in the *Green* stage of the diocesan Pandemic plan. Various safety measures are in place to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. 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 optional for the congregation when in the building, but strongly recommended. Worship leaders are currently required to wear masks while in the building.
- Physical distancing and capacity limits are no longer in place, but please be respectful of other people's comfort level. Alternate pews continue to be marked off to allow for more space. Always ask someone if it is okay to sit beside them if they are not in your household or bubble.
- 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 offered in **both kinds** for those who wish to receive it. 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.

# SUNG EUCHARIST

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

## ***Prelude***

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

#### **Introit**

#### **Canticle of the Turning**

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
That the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the Wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blessed,  
could the world be about to turn?**

**Though I am small, my God, my all,  
You work great things in me.  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
For the world is about to turn.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring,  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!**

**From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,**

**for the food they can never earn:  
There are tables spread, every mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn**

**Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing  
grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound  
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
Who is turning the world around.**

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring,  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn!**

**... and the world is about to turn!**

**GREETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING  
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**Collect for Purity**

**Canticle**

**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

# Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 80:1-7

*Setting: George Black*



Show the light of your coun-te-nance, and we shall be saved.

*Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your*

*countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R** You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R***

## **Second Reading**

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn 123**

## **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Hymn 94**

### **Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed** p.189

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

**Confessions and absolution** p.191

**The Peace** (*Please stand*)

*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## **Hymn 91**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the Gifts**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3** p.198

**Sanctus** *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. Hosanna in  
the highest.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Presider:** God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All:** **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**Presider:** The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**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. Intinction*

*is not permitted. 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:**

#### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Come, Thou long-expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee;  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

#### **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, O Wisdom from on high  
And order all things mightily,  
To us the path of knowledge show**



**And teach us in her ways to go**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

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

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

### **Hope Is a Star**

**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** *(please stand)*

**Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;**

**Here shall all hungers be fed.  
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,  
Love is the sign of our Lord.**

**God of our journeys, daybreak to night;  
Lead us to justice and light.  
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,  
Wisdom to walk in your way.**

**Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;  
Here shall all hungers be fed.  
Bread that is broken, wine that is poured,  
Love is the sign of our Lord.**

### **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.**

### **The Blessing**

### **Hymn 143**

### **Dismissal**

### ***Postlude***

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon John Bridges  
Reader & Intercessor: Trish Warren  
Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley; Kevin Lewis  
Greeters: Doreen Watt; Ron Watt

Readings for next Sunday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

One service only at 9:30am

Psalm 97; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

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

**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; Donnie; Tom Kirkham; Jonathan; Joan Blair; Jim Harper; Diane; Simon Campbell; Ed & Linda; Tanesha Vaughn.

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

**In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for:** The Rt. Rev'd Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, National Indigenous Archbishop Christopher Harper, Sacred Circle Events and the ministry of reconciliation; staff at Ascension House.

A year long journey using *Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together* to explore Jesus' teachings. The book, edited by Charles E. Moore and published by Plough Publishing House is available for purchase through Chapters and Amazon. To obtain the ZOOM coordinates, e-mail [stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com](mailto:stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com)

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