ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 4, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10 a.m.

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Welcome to the Church of 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.

This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.

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

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) located in the pew back in front of you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn** **355**

- **Greeting**

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- **Collect for Purity**

- **Gloria (sung)**

  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 Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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 Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

(Read Responsively)

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! how pleasant it is to honour him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse, he has no pleasure in the strength of a man.

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, in those who await his gracious favour.

Hallelujah!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all

means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

- **Gradual Hymn: 292**

vss. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, vs. 3 after the Gospel

Holy Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

- **Nicene Creed** **p. 188**
- **Prayers of the People** **p. 190**
- **Confession and Absolution** **p. 188**

The Peace

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

- **Offertory Hymn** **354**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** **p. 198**

Sanctus (sung)

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** (sung) **p. 211**

- **Breaking of the Bread 5** **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 receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

- **Hymns during Communion** **107, 122**

- **Hymn after Communion** **74**

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

- **Doxology** **p. 214**

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **317**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM

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Monday night study has resumed, reading Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, by Joanna Weaver. We meet on Mondays at 7:15-8:15 through zoom. If anyone would like to join, please let Nancy Fleming know.

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

CHURCH CALENDARS

There are only a few 2024 Church calendars left for pick up in the Canterbury Room. The cost is $6.00.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 25, 2024 following the 10:00 a.m. service. Wardens, Karen and Paul, ask contributors to submit reports for the Vestry circular to the parish

office by today, February 4, 2024. Electronic submissions **(not.pdf)** would be most appreciated. (stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com)

Paul Howard and Karen Bryan are accepting nominations for Parish Council, Synod and the People's/Deputy People's Wardens positions. Please speak with them about these opportunities to participate in parish administration before Friday, February 23, 2024. Elections will take place at the Vestry meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2024. Thank you.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES – LENT 2024

Lent comes early this year, so sign up soon for this year's Lenten Study Series: The Unfolding Gospel. We will be working through the book by the same name by Prof. John P. Bowen. This book is a very accessible exploration into the meaning and implications of the Christian message, written in a way that makes you feel like you're sitting down for a coffee with a wise friend and mentor. Thomas will be leading two sessions per week during lent: Tuesday evenings, 7pm, in the Link Room, and Wednesday mornings, 11pm, in the Link Room (These sessions are repeats of each other, there's no need to attend both each week). Please sign up if you're interested. Sign-up sheets will be located at the back of the church, at the North entrance, and outside the office door. Cost will be between $25 and $30 including the book and refreshments.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 1

Anyone interested in participating in the organizational meeting on February 6, 1:00 p.m., Baptist Church, please contact Karen Bryan (613)284-8149 or the church office (613)283-1261.

BOWLING FOR BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

The St. John Holy Terriers are all set to bowl and raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters on February 24, 2024 at Gratton Lanes, in Smiths

Falls. Pledge sheets will be available at all the entrances and bowlers are welcome! We will also be online for donations as well through the Lanark County Big Brothers Big Sisters website registered as St. John Holy Terriers.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader & Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Kathy Porter
Greeters: Faye Moore & Nancy Fleming
Readings for next Sunday, February 11, 2024 ~
2 Kgs 2:1-12; Ps 50:1-6; 2 Cor 4:3-6; Mk 9:2-9

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*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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