

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28th 2024 at 10:15am

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You are welcome to participate in smudging as you enter the church to worship. Smudging is a sign of purification and peace offered to anyone who would like to participate. When the weather is too difficult to offer smudging outdoors – and at any time that you are in the church building, dry smudge is available. The sacred medicines – tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar – are provided at the side chapel. Rub the medicines in your hands and place them in the shell bowl; after use these will be respectfully burned. St John's is grateful to Indigenous members of our community for offering smudging.

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### PRELUDE

*Adagio from Sonata I - J.S. Bach*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

### WELCOME

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear friends, we gather this day on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

**May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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 FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. "But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

C'est un prophète comme moi que le SEIGNEUR ton Dieu te suscitera du milieu de toi, d'entre tes frères ; c'est lui que vous écouterez. C'est bien là ce que tu avais demandé au SEIGNEUR ton Dieu à l'Horeb, le jour de l'assemblée, quand tu disais : Je ne veux pas recommencer à entendre la voix du SEIGNEUR mon Dieu, je ne veux plus regarder ce grand feu: je ne veux pas mourir! Alors le SEIGNEUR me dit: Ils ont bien fait de dire cela.

C'est un prophète comme toi que je leur susciterai du milieu de leurs frères; je mettrai mes paroles dans sa bouche, et il leur dira tout ce que je lui ordonnerai. Et si quelqu'un n'écoute pas mes paroles, celles que le prophète aura dites en mon nom, alors moi-même je lui en demanderai compte. "Mais si le prophète, lui, a la présomption de dire en mon nom une parole que je ne lui aurai pas ordonné de dire, ou s'il parle au nom d'autres dieux, alors c'est le prophète qui mourra."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 111



The fear of the Lord is the be - gin-ning of wis-dom.

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the deeds of the Lord!  
They are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendour,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.  
He makes his marvellous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.  
The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of his commandments are sure.  
They stand fast for ever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures forever.

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 8:1-13*

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth - as in fact there are many gods and many lords - yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died

are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL HYMN S97**

*God is Calling through the Whisper*

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:21-28*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **SERMON**

## **ANTHEM**

*If Ye Love Me - T. Tallis*

## **THE APOSTLES CREED**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The people are invited to confession.*

Most merciful God,  
**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.**

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**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN S103**

*The Call is Clear and Simple*

*The collection plates are passed through the congregation during the hymn. Financial gifts support the presence and ministries of St John's including Sunday worship and our many community initiatives. Your support is welcome but not required to participate in the life of this community. You may choose to place a gift on the plate or give it to a greeter at the conclusion of the service.*

*If you already give financial support to St John's by other means – such as monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) or QR Code – you are invited to place a small card on the plate (called a "PAR Chit"). PAR Chits are found at back of the church beside the nametags.*



**DONATIONS**

## THE 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.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

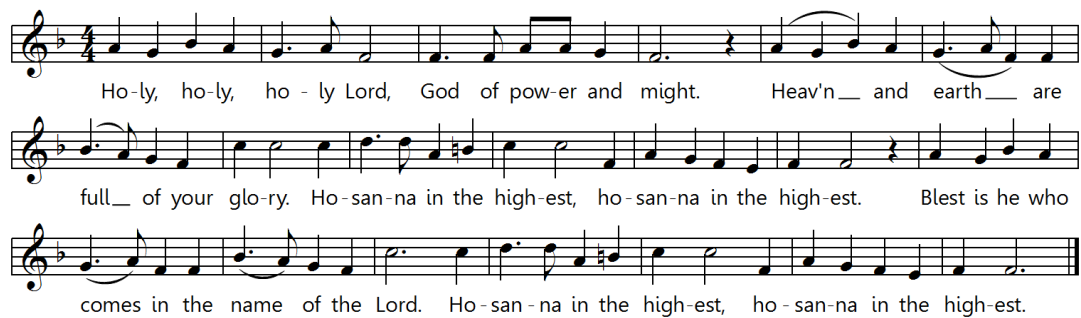
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our creator.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation, and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples. Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.



We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*A Celtic Prayer - Barry Peters*

*All are welcome to come forward to participate in the Eucharist. Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

### RECESSIONAL HYMN 374

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

*Presto from Concerto I - J. S. Bach*

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*Preacher*  
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*Crucifer*  
*Server*  
*Intercessor*  
*Readers*  
*Cantor*  
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