

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25th 2024 at 10:15am

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.

PRELUDE

Pastorale - L. Vierne

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 178

Restore in Us, O God

WELCOME – AFRICAN SONG

Hariho byinshi birakyariho (We have so many to thank God for)

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The people are invited to confession.

Silence is kept.

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.**

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.

2 And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

3 Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,

4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

5 No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

7 I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

15 As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.

16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

1 Awo Ibulaamu bwe yali yaakamaze emyaka kyenda mu mwenda, Mukama n'alabikira Ibulaamu, n'amugamba nti Nze Katonda Omuyinza w'ebintu byonna; tambuliranga mu maaso gange, obeerenga mutuukirivu.

2 Nange ndiragaana endagaano yange nze naawe, era ndikwaza nnyo.

3 Ibulaamu n'avuunama amaaso ge: Katonda n'ayogera naye nti

4 Nze, laba, endagaano yange eri naawe, naawe oliba kitaawe w'amawanga amangi.

5 So tokyayitibwanga nate erinnya lyo Ibulaamu, naye erinnya lyo linaabanga Ibulayimu; kubanga nkufudde kitaawe w'amawanga amangi.

6 Era ndikwaza nnyo, era ndikufuula amawanga, ne bakabaka baliva mu ggwe.

7 Era ndinyweza endagaano yange nze naawe n'ezzadde lyo eririddawo okutuusa emirembe gyabwe gyonna okuba endagaano eteridiba, okuba katonda eri ggwe n'eri ezzadde lyo eririddawo.

15 Katonda n'agamba Ibulayimu nti Salaayi mukazi wo, tokyamuyita erinnya lye Salaayi, naye Saala lye linaabanga erinnya lye.

16 Nange ndimuwa omukisa, era nate ndikuwa omwana mu ye: weewaawo, ndimuwa omukisa, naye aliba nnyina w'amawanga; bakabaka b'abantu baliva mu ye.

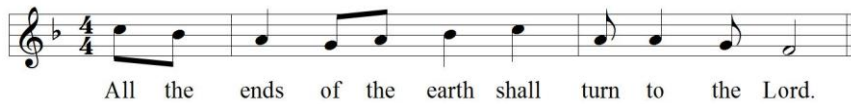
Wulira omwoyo kye gugamba ekkansa.

Luganda version

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:22-30



Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.
To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
They shall come and make known to a people yet un-born
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

13 Kuko amategako atari yo yahesheje Aburahamu cyangwa urubyaro rwe isezerano ry'uko azaragwa isi yose, ahubwo yariheshejwe no gukiranuka kuva ku kwizera.

14 Abiringira amategako iyaba ari bo baragwa, kwizera kuba guhindutse ubusa n'iryo sezerano na ryo rikaba ripfuye,

15 kuko icyo amategako azana ari umujinya, ariko aho amategako atari nta gicumuro kihaba.

16 Ni cyo gituma byose biheshwa no kwizera ngo bibe iby'ubuntu, iryo sezerano ribone uko rikomerezwa urubyaro rwose. Nyamara si urw'abakomeza amategako gusa, ahubwo ni urw'abafite kwizera kwa Aburahamu ari we sogokuruza wa twese,

17 (nk'uko byanditswe ngo "Nkugize sekuruza w'amahanga menshi") imbere y'lyo yizeye, ari yo Mana izura abapfuye, ikita ibitariho nk'aho ari ibiriho.

18 Aburahamu uwo yizeraga yiringiye ibitakwiringirwa, ngo abe sekuruza w'amahanga menshi nk'uko byavuzwe ngo "Urubyaro rwawe ni ko ruzangana."

19 Kandi nubwo abonye umubiri we umaze gusa n'upfuye kuko yari amaze imyaka nk'ijana avutse, akabona na Sara yaracuze, kwizera kwe ntikuragacogora,

20 ahubwo abonye isezerano ry'Imana ntiyashidikanishwa no kutizera, ahubwo akomezwa cyane no kwizera ahimbaza Imana,

21 amenya neza yuko ibyo yasezeraniye ibasha no kubisohozwa.

22 Ni cyo cyatumye bimuhwanirizwa no gukiranuka.

23 icyakora ntibyanditswe ku bwe yuko byamuhwanirijwe no gukiranuka,

24 ahubwo no ku bwacu abazabiheshwa n'uko twizeye lyazuye Yesu Umwami wacu,

25 watangiwe ibicumuro byacu akazurirwa kugira ngo dutsindishirizwe.

Ikinyarwanda version

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 177

A Spendthrift Lover Is the Lord

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

May God be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

Thou Knowest, Lord - Bob Chilcott

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

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 435

Take My Life, and Let It Be

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 wisdom, may the light of the eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, guide us to your glory. We ask this in his name. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

May God be with you.

And also with you.

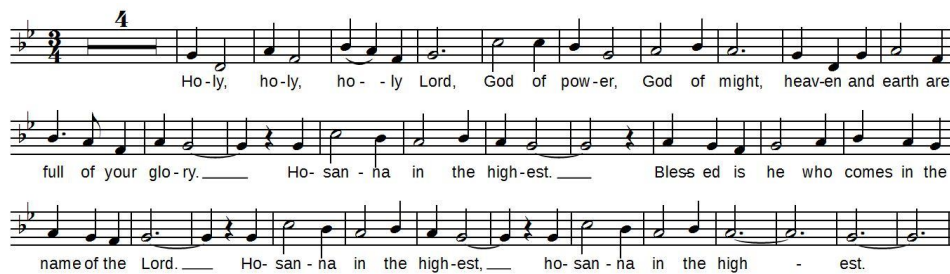
Lift up your hearts.

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; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices 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,

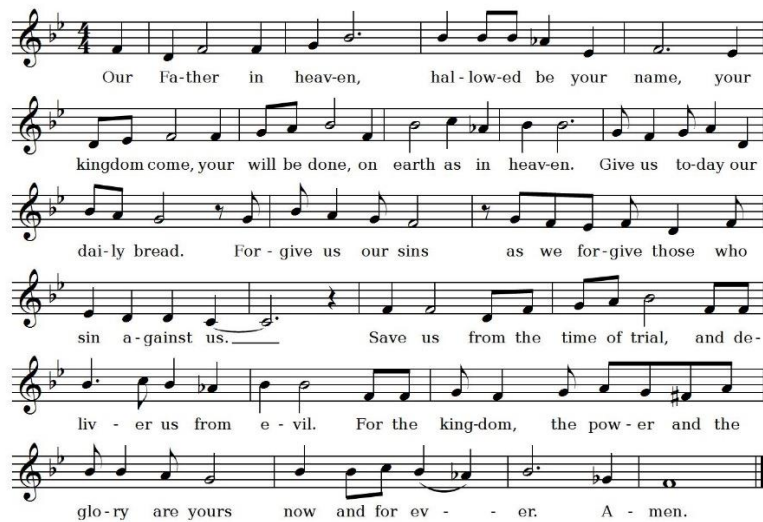
we await his coming in glory;

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 this bread,

Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

*Blute nur, du liebes Herz – J.S. Bach
(Bleed and Break, Thou Loving Heart – St. Matthew Passion)
Carolyn Streich, soprano*

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.

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS– AFRICAN SONG

Numva Yesu anyemeza (I hear the Saviour Say)

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 527

(Tune: St. Denio) How Firm a Foundation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in a minor - J.S. Bach

REFRESHMENTS

Please join us for lunch, served in the Nave. You are welcome to take food to your seat.

VESTRY MEETING

The annual meeting will be held in the Nave. Please sign the declaration indicating that you are a member of St John's. Observers are welcome to stay but do not have a vote. You are welcome to continue to eat during the meeting.

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Interim Director of Music
Lead Warden
Crucifer
Server
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Readers
Cantor
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