ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 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 maybe 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.

In the season of lent we pay especially close attention to our need for the sacrifice Jesus made for us upon the cross, and the glory of God revealed in his resurrection from the dead.

Through his sacrifice, our sins and death have died with him, and through his resurrection, a new life of reconciliation with God and with our neighbour becomes possible.

To mark this, we begin our worship with an act of penitence, confessing our sins, and seeking God's forgiveness. We then continue to offer joyfully our worship and celebration, rejoicing in what God has

done for us as we gather at his table, and knowing that in Jesus Christ we are set free indeed!

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn** **253**

Children's Talk

- **Penitential Rite** **BAS, p. 216**
- **Collect for Purity** **p. 185**
- **Kyrie** **p. 186**

Collect of the Day

Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work - you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

Psalm 19

(Read Responsively)

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

- **Gradual Hymn:** **491**

vss. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, vss. 3, 4 after the Gospel (omit vss. 5 & 6)

Holy Gospel — John 2:13-22

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.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in

three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Sermon

- **The Apostles' Creed** **p. 188**
- **Prayers of the People** **p. 190**
- **The Peace** **p. 192**

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

- **Offertory Hymn** **527**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God, we know your power to triumph over weakness. May we who ask forgiveness be ready to forgive one another, in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.

- **Eucharistic Prayer 5** **p. 204**

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 7** **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** **71, 73**

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

Prayer after Communion

God of mercy and forgiveness, may we who share this sacrament live together in unity and peace, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **185**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM
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.

PARKING
Unless you or someone in your vehicle has mobility issues, please avoid use of the rear parking lot at the 10:00 a.m. service. Your consideration of others requiring ramp access would be appreciated.

LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ
Is asking for our help. Located at 15 Russell E. A wonderful gathering space for our community. They need volunteers any day from Tues. – Sat. (closed Sun. and Mon.) for any amount of time from 10:30am-3pm. – cooking, baking, cleaning, washing dishes, welcoming folks. If you think that this might be something that God is calling you to do, please give Susie Noel a call at 613 284-6244.

TOWN HALL

There will be a meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service today to discuss parish vision for future mission in ministry.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is looking for new members (male or female). We work in teams to prepare the vessels, linens and flower decorations for all regular services. There is a roster and teams of volunteers take responsibility on a rotational basis. This is an important and quiet "behind the scenes" ministry that helps to enhance the worship experience at St. John's – and it is both fun and interesting. If this interests you, please contact Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer through the Church office, (613) 283-1261 or Debbie Lewis (613) 284-6111.

GAMES NIGHT

Friday, March 8, 2024. Please join us for some games, food and fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games! A warm meal will be provided and a few games available to choose from. Please contact Laura Porter if you have any questions.

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

If you wish to remember loved ones with memorial flowers this Easter, please contact the Parish Office with the names of the people you wish remembered. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Please make cheques payable to ***St. John's Altar Guild.*** The deadline is Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader & Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis/Kathy Porter
Greeters: Linda Coleman & Gail Brennan
Readings for next Sunday, March 10, 2024 ~
Num 21:4-9; Ps 107:1-3,17-22; Eph 2:1-10; Jn 3:14-21

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

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