ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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

Solo

Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn** Beginnings **430**

Children's Talk

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

Collect of the Day

Most merciful God, by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 51

(Read Responsively)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offences.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the

order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

- **Gradual Hymn:** Beginnings **16**
(vss. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, vs. 3 after the Gospel)

Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

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.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for

eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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** Beginnings **435**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept the praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ 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** Beginnings **65**, **24**
- **Hymn after Communion** Beginnings (Insert)

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you have called us to your table and fed us with the bread of life. Draw us and all people to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** Beginnings, vss. 1-4 **71**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, March 30, 2024, 7:30 p.m., St. James, Perth
An invitation is extended to all to attend. They would be pleased to have musicians, readers or chalice bearers from each participating congregation. If anyone is interested in participating, please let Thomas know.

THRIVING IN THE FUTURE
A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting we held after the 10:00 a.m. service on March 3. We had nearly 40 people. We also had a good time talking about the things we value most about our St. John's community. **Everyone is invited** to take part in the two follow-up meetings scheduled for **March 17** (after the 10:00 a.m. service) and **April 7** (after the 10:00 a.m. service). These meetings will help us to continue to pray, ponder, and plan how we will thrive as we embrace the future.

EASTER IS COMING!
Perhaps some of us could make the cleaning of the church part of our Lent experience; to prepare this place of worship to welcome our Risen Lord. If you would like this to be part of your Lent experience, a sacrifice surely acceptable to God, please contact Pat Lee at (613) 485-3368. The cleaning will take place on **Saturday, March 23, 2024, 9:00 a.m.** Please bring mops and buckets! All other supplies will be supplied. Everyone, man, woman and teenager is welcome to join in this opportunity. There are signup sheets at every entrance of the Church.

GAMES NIGHT (1st Friday of the Month)
Friday, April 5, 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.

THE UNFOLDING GOSPEL
Throughout Lent, a group of us have been studying Dr. John Bowen's book, The Unfolding Gospel. On Saturday, March 23, Dr. Bowen will be

welcomed here at St. John's with a Potluck Supper as he delivers a presentation based upon his book. All are welcome, but space is limited, so please sign up using the sheets by the entrances.

The details are....
Saturday, March 23
6pm for potluck dinner, 6.45pm for the presentation.
A time for questions and conversation will follow until 9pm.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader & Intercessor: Karen Bryan
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Chris Cutler-Silvermoon
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Readings for next Sunday, March 24, 2024 ~
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

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