

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Diocese of Ottawa



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
July 20th, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

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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, liquid smudge is now offered (the medicines are steeped in distilled water and sprayed as a mist). Dry smudge is always available with the sacred medicines – tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar – as you enter the church. 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** Chorale Prelude on "Jesu Redemptor Omnium" Op. 75 no. 2 -Flor Peeters  
*"Jesus, Redeemer of all people, who was begotten before the world began  
Of the Father on high, we laud Thee, and as God Glorify."*

**HYMN 300** Christ is Made the Sure Foundation [Westminster Abbey]

**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.*

Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*Genesis 18:1-10a*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on--since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes."

Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

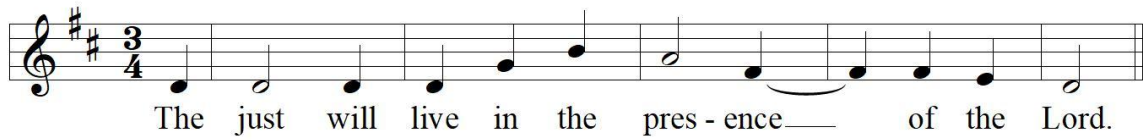
They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15



Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
who may abide upon your holy hill?  
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,  
but he honors those who fear the Lord.  
He has sworn to do no wrong  
and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain,  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
shall never be overthrown.

## THE SECOND READING

*Colossians 1:15-28*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope

Il est l'image du Dieu invisible, Premier-né de toute créature, car en lui tout a été créé, dans les cieux et sur la terre, les êtres visibles comme les invisibles, Trônes et Souverainetés, Autorités et Pouvoirs. Tout est créé par lui et pour lui, et il est, lui, par devant tout; tout est maintenu en lui, et il est, lui, la tête du corps, qui est l'Eglise. Il est le commencement, Premier- né d'entre les morts, afin de tenir en tout, lui, le premier rang. Car il a plu à Dieu de faire habiter en lui toute la plénituder et de tout réconcilier par lui et pour lui, et sur la terre et dans les cieux, ayant établi la paix par le sang de sa croix. Et vous qui autrefois étiez étrangers, vous dont les œuvres mauvaises manifestaient l'hostilité profonde, voilà que maintenant Dieu vous a réconciliés grâce au corps périssable de son Fils, par sa mort, pour vous faire paraître devant lui saints, irréprochables, inattaquables. Mais il faut que, par la foi, vous teniez, solides et fermes, sans vous laisser déporter hors de l'espérance de l'Evangile

promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

que vous avez entendu, qui a été proclamé à toute créature sous le ciel, et dont moi, Paul, je suis devenu le ministre. Je trouve maintenant ma joie dans les souffrances que j'endure pour vous, et ce qu'il me reste personnellement à souffrir dans les épreuves du Christ, je l'achève en faveur de son corps qui est l'Eglise; j'en suis devenu le ministre en vertu de la charge que Dieu m'a confiée à votre égard: achever l'annonce de la parole de Dieu, le mystère tenu caché tout au long des âges et que Dieu a manifesté maintenant à ses saints. Il a voulu leur faire connaître quelles sont les richesses et la gloire de ce mystère parmi les païens: Christ au milieu de vous, l'espérance de la gloire! C'est lui que nous annonçons, avertissant chacun, instruisant chacun en toute sagesse, afin de rendre chacun parfait en Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **GRADUAL HYMN 447**

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness [Blaenwern]

#### **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 10: 38-42*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

*NRSV*

*First Nations*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

As they journeyed on, they went to a village where a woman named Head Woman (Martha) gave them lodging at her house. Her sister Healing Tears (Mary), who lived with her, sat next to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) on the floor, listening to his teaching.

As their Wisdomkeeper, Creator Sets Free (Jesus) would teach the men who gathered around him, but this would not have been proper for a woman of that culture.

Head Woman (Martha) was distracted, trying to get the meal ready for the honored guests. When she saw Healing Tears (Mary) sitting

down, she walked up to Creator Sets Free (Jesus) and said, "Wisdomkeeper, do you not care that my sister has left me to work alone? Tell her to help me." "Head Woman (Martha), O Head Woman (Martha)," he said, "I know many things worry and trouble you. But you must set your heart on the one thing that matters. That is what Healing Tears (Mary) has done, and I will not take it from her."

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

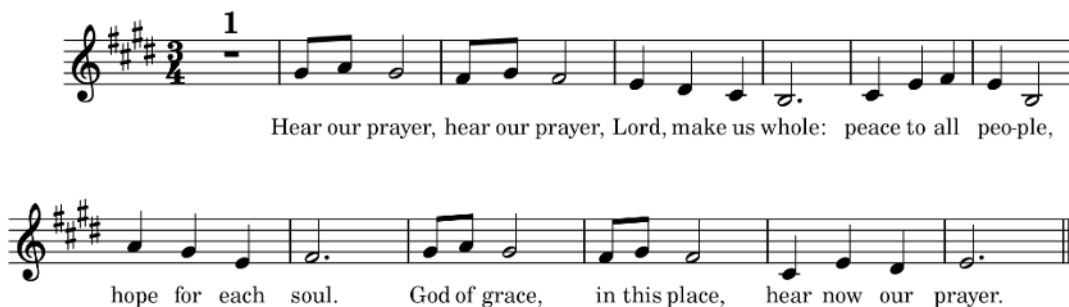
## **SERMON**

### **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**



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole: peace to all people,  
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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 456**

He Comes to Us As One Unknown [Repton]

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

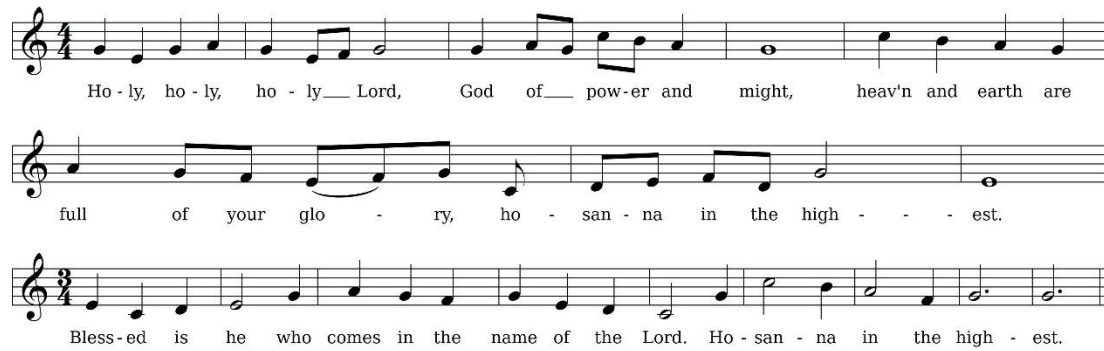
May God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.



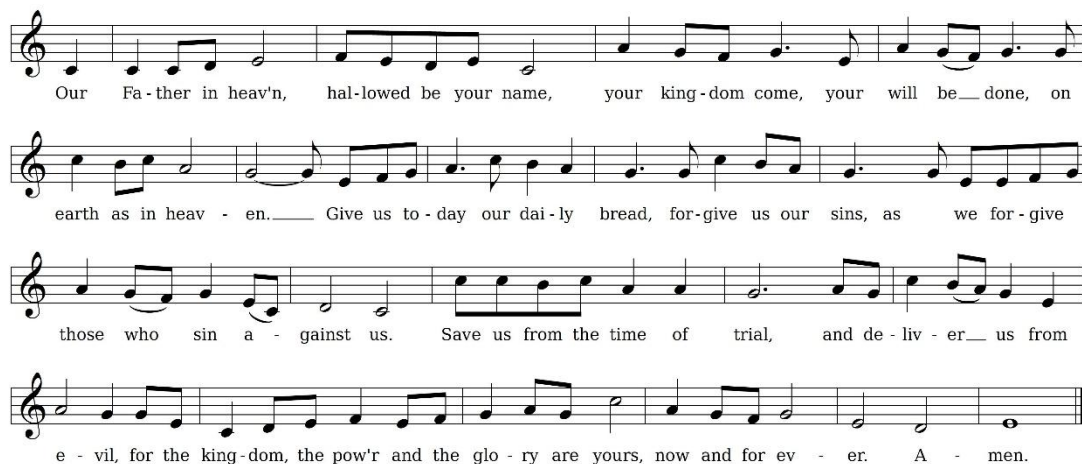
Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION** *Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & BLESSINGS

#### 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 330

O Praise Ye The Lord [Laudate Dominum]

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

Chorale Postlude on "Laudate Dominum"- John Jordan

#### HOSPITALITY

*Everyone is invited to stay following the service for refreshments served in the nave.*

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