

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



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
August 24th, 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** Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (On You Alone, Lord Jesus Christ) -  
Johann Pachelbel

*On you alone, Lord Jesus Christ,  
My hope on earth depends,  
I know that you are my comforter.*

**HYMN 381**

Praise, My Soul [Praise, My Soul]

**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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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

*Isaiah 58:9b-14*

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable;

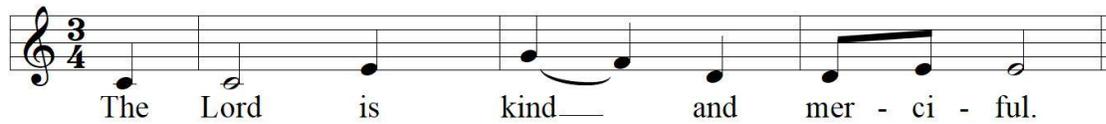
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Si tu élimines de chez toi le joug, le doigt accusateur, la parole malfaisante, si tu cèdes à l'affamé ta propre bouchée et si tu rassasies le gosier de l'humilié, ta lumière se lèvera dans les ténèbres, ton obscurité sera comme un midi. Sans cesse le SEIGNEUR te guidera, en pleine fournaison il rassasiera ton gosier, tes os, il les cuirassera. Tu seras comme un jardin saturé, comme une fontaine d'eau dont les eaux ne déçoivent pas.

On rebâtira grâce à toi les dévastations du passé, les fondations laissées de génération en génération, tu les relèveras ; on t'appellera : « Réparateur des brèches, restaurateur des ruelles pour qu'on y habite. » Si tu t'abstiens de démarches pendant le sabbat, et de traiter tes bonnes affaires en mon saint jour, si tu appelles le sabbat « Jouissance », le saint jour du SEIGNEUR « Glorieux », si tu le glorifies, en renonçant à mener tes entreprises, à tomber sur la bonne affaire et à tenir des palabres sans fin, alors tu trouveras ta jouissance dans le SEIGNEUR, je t'emmènerai en char sur les hauteurs de la Terre, je te ferai savourer le patrimoine de Jacob, ton père. Oui, la bouche du SEIGNEUR a parlé.

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

## PSALM 103:1-8



Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins  
and heals all your in-firmities;  
He redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

He satisfies you with good things,  
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.  
The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

## THE SECOND READING

*Hebrews 12:18-29*

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.")

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!

At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken - that is, created things - so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us

give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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## **GRADUAL HYMN 171**

What Does the Lord Require [Sharpthorne]

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:10-17*

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.**

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"

When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 433

Lord, You Give the Great Commission  
[Abbot's Leigh]

## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly\_\_\_ Lord, God of\_\_\_ pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, ho - san - na in the high - - - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

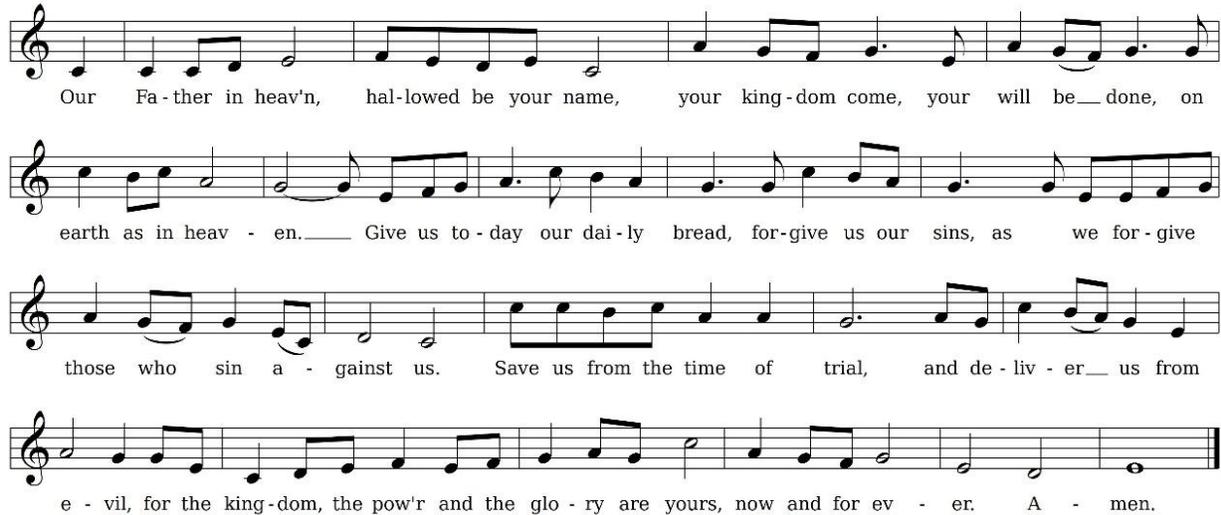
Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

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:



Our Fa-ther in heav'n, hal-owed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread, for-give us our sins, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and de-liv - er us from e - vil, for the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

## 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

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of 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 527

How Firm a Foundation [St Denio]

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Chorale Postlude on "St. Denio" - Rosalie Bonington

## HOSPITALITY

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

## WORSHIP ROSTER

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PRESIDER	The Reverend Christina Guest
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