

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH
Diocese of Ottawa



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 26th, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.

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.

PRELUDE Schmücke dich, o Liebe Seele (Adorn Yourself, my Soul, with Gladness) BWV 654 - J.S. Bach

HYMN 1 Holy Holy Holy [Nicaea]

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.

O God of salvation, we come to you in joy, for you have heard the prayers of the poor and raised up the lowly. Pour out your Spirit on young and old alike, so that our dreams and visions may bring justice and peace to the world. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

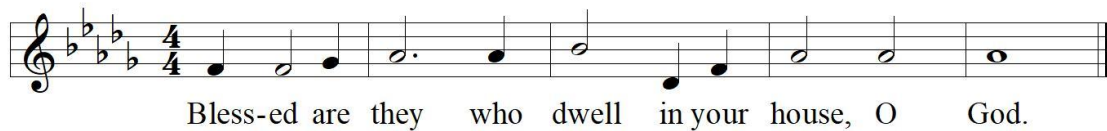
Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the most high as he has given to you and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it, and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice, for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor, but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 84:1-7



How dear to me is your dwelling,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Pour moi, voici que je suis déjà offert en libation et le temps de mon départ est arrivé. J'ai combattu le beau combat, j'ai achevé ma course, j'ai gardé la foi. Dès maintenant m'est réservée la couronne de justice qu'en retour me donnera le Seigneur, en ce Jour-là, lui le juste juge; et non seulement à moi, mais à tous ceux qui auront aimé sa manifestation.

La première fois que j'ai présenté ma défense, personne ne m'a assisté, tous m'ont abandonné. Qu'il ne leur en soit pas tenu rigueur. Le Seigneur, lui, m'a assisté; il m'a revêtu de force, afin que par moi le message fût pleinement proclamé et qu'il fût entendu de tous les païens. Et j'ai été délivré de la gueule du lion! Le Seigneur me délivrera de toute entreprise perverse et me sauvera pour son Royaume céleste. A lui la gloire dans les siècles des siècles!

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 509

Precious Lord, Take My Hand [Precious Lord]

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18: 9-14

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.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

O How Amiable - Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 505

Be Thou My Vision [Slane]

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; 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.

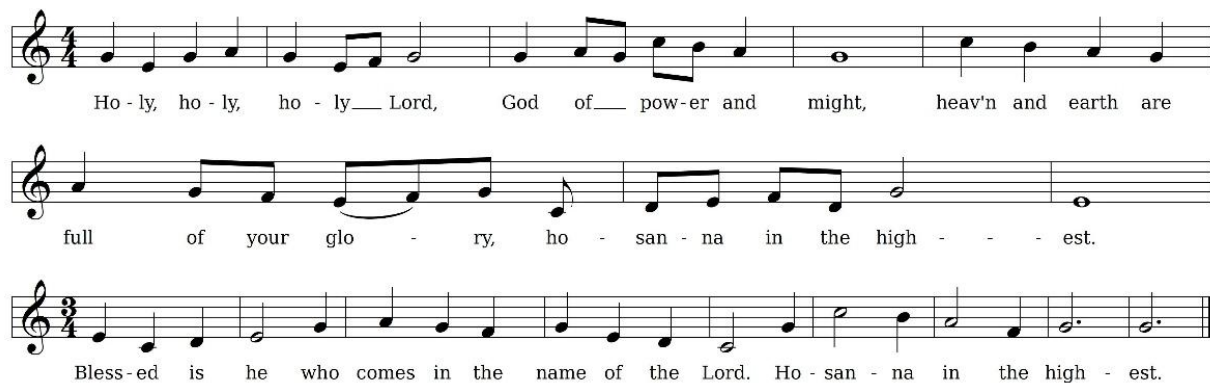
We lift our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:



Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav'n, hal-low'd 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC Lay Me Low (from Shaker Songs) - arr. Kevin Siegfried

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name 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 [Foundation]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Postlude on "Foundation" - Nicholas Busch

HOSPITALITY

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

WORSHIP ROSTER

PREACHER/ PRESIDER	The Reverend Gary van der Meer
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Nicholas Busch
SUNDAY HOST	Marianne Harkema
CRUCIFER	Bosco Nkurunziza
SERVER	Mary Gorreth Katusime and Maxine Payne
READERS	Vicki Robinson and Christina Guest
CANTOR	Krisha Séguin
INTERCESSOR	Erin Biggs
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Jane Maxwell and Maxine Payne
SIDESPEOPLE	Gloria Fox and Mary Frances Marshall
TOWER BELL	Vicki Robinson
ALTAR GUILD	Marilyn Collin, Jill Courtemanche, Barbara Dransch and Vicki Milnes
SMUDGING	Kimberly Johnson
AUDIO TECH	Peggy Lister
HOSPITALITY	Bea Robinson
CHILDRENS MINISTRY	Margaret Kasurak & Pat Turner
LOCK UP DUTY	Kathleen Arsenault

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