

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15th, 2017 at 10.15 am

PRELUDE

Church Sonata in E-flat major K 67 (W.A. Mozart)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Faithful God, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of

Giver of Life, we praise You!
Bestower of all gifts, we give
You thanks, for
your steadfast Love endures
forever!

Who can tell of your generosity in
all generations,
the rich variety of the living
cosmos?

Blessed are they who recognize the
Gift, and
who follow the precepts of your
Life at all times.

You remember us, O Beloved, as we
journey through life;
help us to live the Mystery,
That we may fulfill our divine destiny,
that we may co-create with You,
that we may live into our
divine birthright.

Quiet us, O Silent Speaker, that
out of still spaces
we may hear your Voice;
And, as we ponder the immensity of
your gift to us of life,
awe and wonder fill our hearts; for
From galaxies and the furthest stars
to the smallest atom in our heart,
You are the Flame of Love.

Forgive us, O Holy One, for our
wanton ways that have laid waste
to our planet!

May we embrace Creation as a whole,
and become attuned to all the world;
May we be blessing to the universe, and
see divinity in the within and
the without of all things.

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 450

You Call Us, Lord, To Be

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those

murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Alway (Henry Purcell)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Jesus said: before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Creator for forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, giver of light and grace,

we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins, ✠ and bring you to everlasting light. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 347

The God of Abraham Praise

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering, be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

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.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Loving God, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, ✠ that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Creator, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches, we pray,



Our Fa - ther in heav'n, hal - lowed 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

Silence is kept.

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

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

To Heaven Above (Edvard Grieg)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

God of all,

we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God keep you in all your days. May Christ shield you in all your ways. May the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing ✠ and light. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 374

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Church Sonata in G major K 274 (W.A. Mozart)

Presider & Preacher

The Reverend Beth Bretzlaff

Deacon

The Reverend Dr Caroline Ducros

Organist

Dr Gordon Johnson

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