

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 10.15 am

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### PRELUDE

*Master Tallis's Testament (H.Howells)*

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 643

*Holy Spirit, Come With Power*

### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

The one who calls us together this day yearns for each of us, and for all people, to hear and be blessed.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

God of blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness and set us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, so that we may joyfully turn and follow you, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. 'So Jonah set out and went to

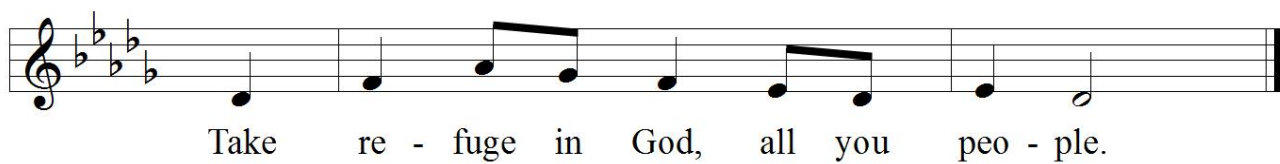
Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 62:6-14**



For God alone my soul in silence waits;  
truly, my hope is in him.  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honour;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.  
Put your trust in him always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
On the scales they are lighter than a breath,  
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase,  
set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.  
Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

## THE SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN 432

*Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 1:14-20*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*Exsultate justi (Ludovico Viadana)*

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,  
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY HYMN 433

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*



## THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Loving God, before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You give us friends and families, busy streets for young and old, the life of an earthly city fulfilled in your city to come.

You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho- - ly Lord, God of power, God of might,  
heav-en 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 highest, — ho- san - na in the high - est.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

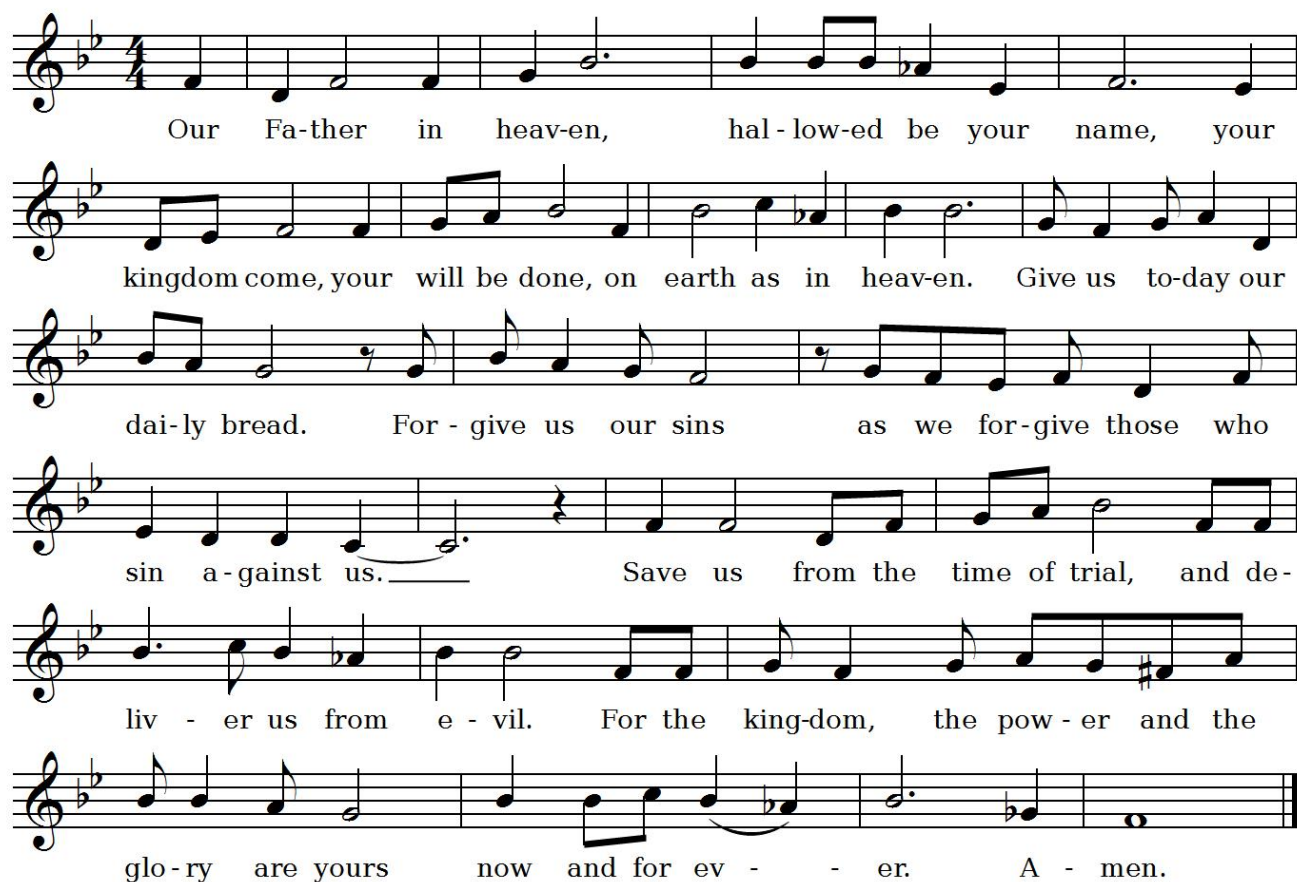
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So gracious God, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, ✠ and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St John the Evangelist and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
kingdom 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-er and the  
glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence is kept.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION

*Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord (Felix Mendelssohn)*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

May the love of God uphold you; the light of Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit bless you, ✠ now and forever. **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN 565

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## DISMISSAL

Go forth in the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude (L. Vierne)*

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*Presider*

BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher

*Preacher*

The Reverend Canon Beth Bretzlaff

*Organist*

Barb Hallam-Price