

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23rd, 2017 at 9.30 am

PRELUDE

Sarabande for a Solemn Occasion (Arthur Milner)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 345

King of Glory, King of Peace

GATHERING

Grace to you and peace from God our Creator, the love at our beginning and without end, in our midst and with us.

God is with us, here we find new life.

Let us give thanks for the coming of God's reign of justice and love.

Jesus Christ is good news for the poor, release for the captives, recovery of sight for the blind and liberty for those who are oppressed.

BENEDICITE CANADENSIS

O give thanks to our God who is good:
whose love endures for ever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the northern sky:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, prairies and forests, rivers, lakes and glaciers:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

You spruce and pine, maple and birch, mosses and grasses:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Whales and cod, lobster and eels, trout and salmon and pickerel:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

Groundhogs and cattle, mosquitos and dragonflies, robins and crows,
hawks and geese and loons:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

You indigenous and immigrant, women and men, all who inhabit this great land:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of Canada:
give to our God your thanks and praise.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence before God, we confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives ✠ and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth, may we be open and watchful to your presence in our midst, through Jesus Christ, your dream made flesh. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

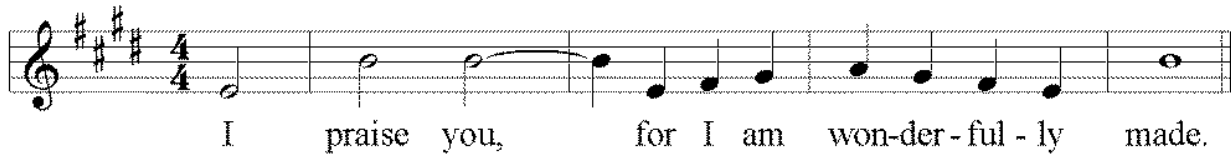
Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23



Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night."
Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh, for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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GRADUAL HYMN 620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears – listen!

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN 44

I Believe in God Almighty

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN 362

Tell Out, My Soul

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

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 offer thanks and praise.

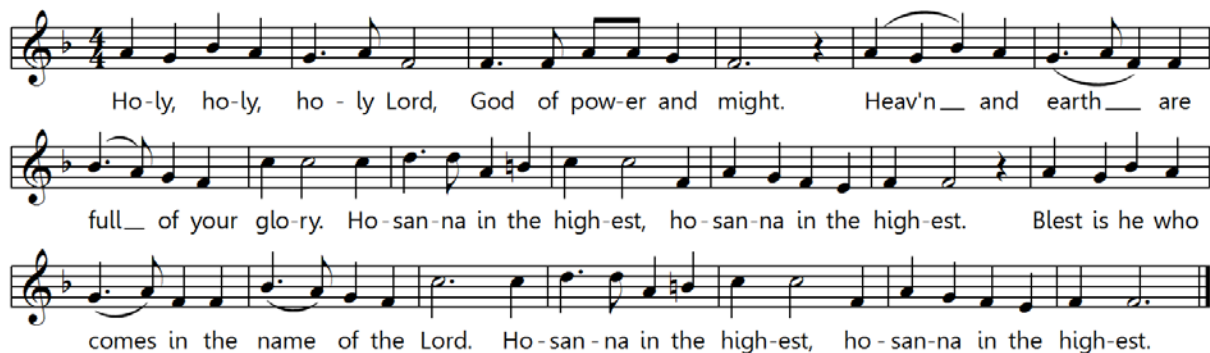
It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the pioneer of our salvation, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. Your love is shown to us, for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord.

You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

You pour out your Spirit on all. You empower us to know your truth and fearlessly to proclaim your gospel among the nations. Your love fires our hearts; and in your Spirit we hunger and thirst for justice in the world.

Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you:



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, ho-san-na in the high-est. Blest is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way. In him we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, ✠ feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ teaches, we pray,



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name, your king - dom come, your
will be done on earth as in heav - en. Give us this 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.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

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

THE COMMUNION

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele (J.S. Bach)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

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.**

Most loving God, creator and redeemer,

we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you every step of the way, and be your guide as your road changes and turns; and may the blessing of God ✠ our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 425

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

DISMISSAL

Grace be with you, go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in e minor, BWV 555 (J.S. Bach)

Presider

The Reverend Beth Bretzlaff

Preacher

BGen (ret'd) The Venerable John Fletcher

Organist

Dr Gordon Johnston

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