

# ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa



**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
December 29th, 2024, at 10:15 am

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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, dry smudge is available. The sacred medicines – tobacco, sage, sweetgrass, and cedar – are provided 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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<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Interlude on "Winchester Old"</i>	<i>Ivan Langstroth</i>
<b>PROCESSIONAL HYMN 135</b>	<i>Shepherds in the Fields Abiding</i>	<i>"Iris"</i>

## **WELCOME**

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 GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

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**

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26*

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 148



Break forth together in singing! — The Lord is come!

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.  
With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell there-in.

Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.  
In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.

## THE SECOND READING

*Colossians 3:12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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## GRADUAL HYMN 137

*What child is this*

*"Greensleeves"*

## THE GOSPEL

*Luke 2:41-52*

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 every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

Puisque vous êtes élus, sanctifiés, aimés par Dieu, revêtez donc des sentiments de compassion, de bienveillance, d'humilité, de douceur, de patience. Supportez-vous les uns les autres, et si l'un a un grief contre l'autre, pardonnez-vous mutuellement; comme le Seigneur vous a pardonné, faites de même, vous aussi. Et par-dessus tout, revêtez l'amour : c'est le lien parfait.

Que règne en vos cœurs la paix du Christ, à laquelle vous avez été appelés tous en un seul corps. Vivez dans la reconnaissance. Que la Parole du Christ habite parmi vous dans toute sa richesse: instruisez-vous et avertissez-vous les uns les autres avec pleine sagesse; chantez à Dieu, dans vos cœurs, votre reconnaissance, par des psaumes, des hymnes et des chants inspirés par l'Esprit.

Tout ce que vous pouvez dire ou faire, faites-le au nom du Seigneur Jésus, en rendant grâce par lui à Dieu le Père.

When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

**SERMON**

*The Reverend Canon Pat Johnston*

**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**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The people are invited to confession.*

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 153** *Good Christians All, Rejoice*

*"In dulci jubilo"*

*The offering plates are passed through the congregation during the hymn. Financial gifts support the presence and ministries of St John's including Sunday worship and our many community initiatives. Your support is welcome but not required to participate in the life of this community. You may choose to place a gift on the plate or give it to a greeter at the conclusion of the service. If you already give financial support to St John's by other means – such as monthly Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) or QR Code – you are invited to place a small card on the plate (called a "PAR Chit"). PAR Chits are found at back of the church beside the nametags.*



**DONATIONS**

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our

flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the highest, ho - san - na in the highest. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the highest, ho - san - na in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory.**

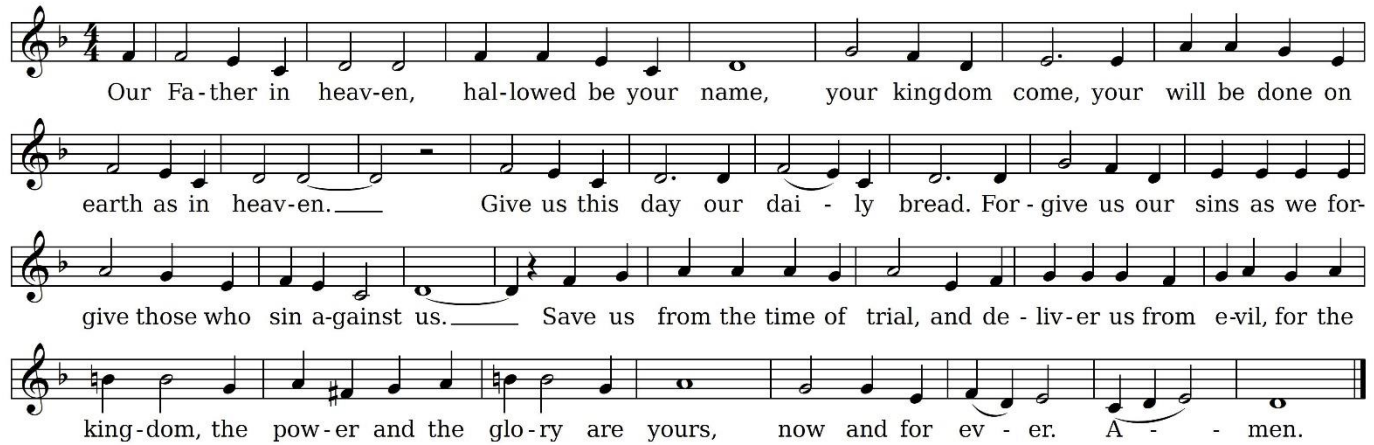
and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name, your kingdom 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 forgive 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

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**      *A Meditation on "A virgin most pure"*

*Eric H. Thiman*

*All are welcome to come forward to participate in the Eucharist. Please request a gluten-free wafer if required or a blessing if desired.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 148** *See Amid the Winter's Snow* "See amid the winter's snow"

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Chorale-prelude: In dulci jubilo*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## REFRESHMENTS

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