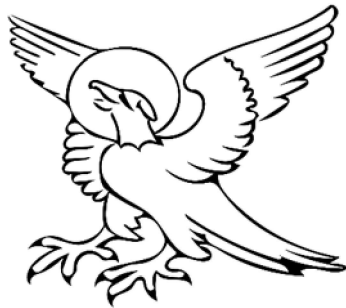


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024
SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10 a.m.
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Welcome to the Church of St. John the Evangelist

We acknowledge that we gather at St. John's on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.



This service is video recorded, streamed, and broadcast. By attending this service, you are agreeing to appear on video in our on-line worship offering through St. John's website and Facebook pages.



Hymns are from the blue Common Praise hymnbook unless otherwise indicated.

Today's service can be found on page 185 of the green Book of Alternative Services (BAS) located in the pew back in front of you.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude

Announcements

• Processional (Opening) Hymn,

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- **Greeting**

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- **Children's Talk**

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- **Collect for Purity**

- **Gloria (sung)**

**Glory to God on high,
And peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
Almighty God and Father blessed
in glory bright.**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
now hear our prayer.**

**You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign
With Father and with Spirit one
in glorious light.**

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation
to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they

were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (sung)

Tune: Carlisle

All peoples, clap your hands,
And shout with joy and sing,
The Lord Most High is to be feared
He is the earth's great King.

He brings the nations down
And peoples in our sight;
He chooses our inheritance;
His love is Jacob's might.

God has gone up on high
With shout and trumpet's voice;
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King,
Sing praise to him, rejoice.

For God is King of all,
Sing praise with all your skill;
He sits upon his holy throne
And rules all nations still.

The nobles of the earth
Are joined with Abraham's seed;
The rulers of the world are God's
And he is praised indeed.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason. I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

• Gradual Hymn:

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(vss. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, vss. 3 & 4 after the Gospel)

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

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- **The Peace** **p. 192**

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

- **Offertory Hymn** **440**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ
has promised to be with us until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

• Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus (sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

• The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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• Breaking of the Bread 8

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Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. At the Greeter's direction, please make your way to receive the elements if you wish to. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

• Hymn during Communion

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• Hymn after Communion

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• **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

• **Doxology**

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The Blessing

• **Recessional Hymn**

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Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is looking for new members (male or female). We work in teams to prepare the vessels, linens and flower decorations for all regular services. There is a roster and teams of volunteers take responsibility on a rotational basis. This is an important and quiet “behind the scenes” ministry that helps to enhance the worship experience at St. John’s – and it is both fun and interesting. If this

interests you, please contact Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer through the Church office, (613) 283-1261 or Debbie Lewis (613) 284-6111.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to establish a volunteer roster to man the Church office during regular office hours, when the parish secretary is on vacation or is ill. If you are interested, please contact the Church office, (613) 283-1261.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 P.M.

Monday night study has resumed, reading *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver. We meet on Mondays at 7:15-8:15 through zoom. If anyone would like to join, please let Nancy Fleming know.

PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7:00 p.m.

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Is looking for donations of: buttons (old buttons, new buttons, button jars), pipe cleaners (all colours), containers (latch lid or snap top clear totes or tubs in 8 ½ x 11 or similar sizes for storage). We want to improve our storage organization and we have a lot of resources, so we need lots of containers to make it work. Also ... paper for colouring (old computer paper, newsprint, construction paper, old sketch pads). We don't mind paper that has some marking on one side. With thanks for the continued love and support of St John's congregation members.
Emily, Nancy, Hope.

PARKING

It has come to the Church's attention that some parishioners are parking in front of and blocking residential driveways along George

Street during Church services and other events. Please park in town approved areas or at the rear of the Church if you have mobility issues. Thank you for respecting the residents right to safe passage in and out of their driveways.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Reader: Cindy Penman
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Karen Bryan
Greeters: Linda MacLaren & Faye Moore
Readings for next Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~
Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:25-35,37b; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 15:26-27,16:4b-15

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Weekly Liturgies

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*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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