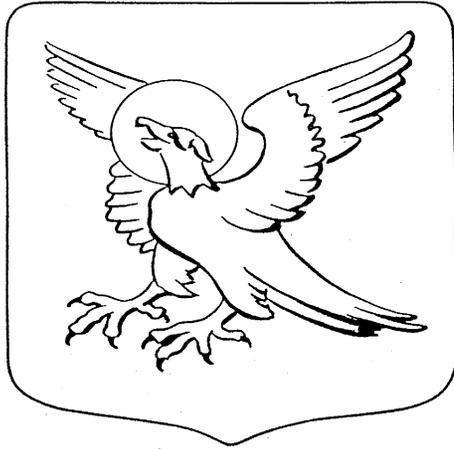


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2017

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am
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Welcome to St. John's.

If you are unable to move to the Altar, arrangements can be made for you to receive Communion in your pew. Please speak with the Sidesperson at the entrance to the Church.

Sunday School is in the Parish Hall today.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Service begins on page 185 of the Book of Alternative Services
Hymns are from the blue Common Praise Hymn Book unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

Hymn #153

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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Kyrie

Gloria

Tune: Darwall

**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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:1-6

Tune: St. Agnes

**Hallelujah! Give praise to God
from heaven and in the heights;
praise him all angels, sun and moon,
praise him all shining lights.**

**Praise him, high heavens and floods above,
let them all praise his name;
for he commanded by his word,
he spoke and forth they came.**

**He gave them being, they stand fast
in his eternal sway;
the Lord has given them a law
which shall not pass away.**

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn #266 v.1

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn v.2

Sermon

Apostles' Creed p. 189

Intercessions (please kneel or sit. Response: Hear our prayer.)

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The Peace (please stand)

Offertory Hymn We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
bearing gifts we traverse afar
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star:

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
king for ever, ceasing never
over us all to reign: *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I,
incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all are raising,
worship him, God most high: *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb: *Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise,
king and God and sacrifice.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
heaven and earth reply: *Refrain*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the gifts
Eucharist Prayer #3** p. 198

Lord's Prayer (sung)

Breaking of the Bread #6

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Communion

All who are baptized are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine of Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, please feel welcome to come to the altar rail for a blessing, crossing your arms across your chest to signal this to the priest.

**Hymns during Communion Red Song Book #100; 89
Hymn after Communion #402**

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Blessing

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Recessional Hymn #139

Dismissal

Postlude

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Catherine Aschah
Readers: Pat Lee; Cindy Penman
Intercessions: Pat Lee
Communion Assistants: Karen Bryan; Chris Elmsley
Servers: Lois Dewey; Kevin Lewis
Sidespeople: Beryl & Carl Young
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter; Trish Warren

Readings for next Sunday, January 7
The Baptism of the Lord
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

Please note: The Church Office will be closed on January 1. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

This Week in the Parish		
Monday	AA, Al-A Teen, Al-Anon	8pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist - Willowdale	10am 1:30pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pint & A Passage: Tuesdays @ 7pm

Dig into the Gospel passage for the upcoming Sunday at the new weekly bible study to be held at Café Whim. We are taking a break Dec 26 and Jan 2 but will **resume Jan 9**.

Family New Year's Eve: tonight – 6-8pm

Family friendly potluck at St. John's with board games, crafts for the children, a photo booth, noisemakers and the "countdown" at the end of the evening. Bring your favourite dish, be it salad, appetizer, main course or dessert. There will be non-alcoholic beverages, including something to toast in the new year.

New Year's Day at the Cathedral: Monday January 1 – 12noon

At Synod in November, the Bishop asked every parish in the Diocese to send representatives to the Cathedral for the Choral Eucharist at 12noon, where, led by the Primate, the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, all will renew their baptismal covenant as a way to renew our commitment to the mission of God. The service will be followed by the Bishop's Levee. Any and all are welcome to attend.

Community Dinner: Sunday January 21 – 2pm

Volunteers to help with the Community Dinner are always welcome. Meet some of our neighbours in town and enjoy hearty, home cooked food. This month, the congregation is asked to supply home baked (not store bought please) chocolate chip cookies. We need 16 dozen, so if you can contribute a batch, that would be great. Please do not include any nuts in the recipe, due to allergies. To volunteer, provide cookies or for more information, please contact Trish Warren at trishwarren19@gmail.com.

In our Parish we pray for: Anne Barber, Heather, Paul, Riley, Helen, Margaret, Dan Burns, Betty, Faye, Lorna, Katie, Steve, Bill Burns, Bonnie, Barb, Brenda, Ron, Ken, Bill D, Stan, Sheila, Bob, Joan, Cohan, Ann R. Bothwell, John Irvine, Joan D, Brenda F, Stuart Hannaford.

Friends of the Parish we pray for: Zachary, Peggy, Marilyn, Susan Niblock, Jacqui, Greg Russell, Dana Dean & family, Lorie Schurr, Chloe McCue, Michelle, Robert Apro, Debbie Pilon, Bonnie Bothwell, Sandra, Neena, Jutanie, Maureen Halpenny, Norma Wynn, Sherry, Darcy, Brandon, Richard, Leah, Crystal, Barry, Bernard, Sarah Telford, Valerie Kerr, Gyula Pasztor, Al Hay, Samantha, Sawyer, Donnie McConnell, Eileen C, Walter, Lionel, Kevin Rochon, Henry, Casey, Robyn.

Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes: Bev Lannin, Cora Besley, Marjorie Brooks, Fran Robinson, Charlie Edwards, Thelma Doherty, Shirley Row, Doreen Murray, Audrey Bennett, Marie Banford, Nancy Langdon, Eileen Thompson, Irene Anderson, Mary Thompson, Joyce Wiltsie, Joan Hart.

Prayer Calendar

In our Diocese we pray for: The Rt Rev John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa; The Reverend Jane McCaig and the congregation of St. Thomas, Stittsville; the Archdeacons of the Diocese; those coordinating the Bishop's Levee.

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Louise Sherry – Church Secretary

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am -12noon

Weekly Liturgies

Wednesday 10am – Holy Eucharist

Saturday 5pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8am – Holy Eucharist; 10am* – Sung Eucharist

**Sunday School offered for children September - June*

The Right Reverend John H. Chapman – Bishop of Ottawa

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Karen Bryan – People's Warden 284-8149

Robert Fairfield – Deputy Warden 283-0976

Garry Rodford – Deputy Warden 284-0488

Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 269-3286

Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811

	Jan 7 – Baptism of the Lord	Jan 14 – Second after the Epiphany
Readers:	Ruth Harris; Pat Willis	Karen Bryan; Terry Dillabough
Intercessor:	Trish Warren	Lois Dewey
Communion Assistants:	Donna Howard; Kevin Lewis	Kathy Porter; Ron Watt
Servers:	Lois Dewey; Rob MacLaren; Ron Watt	Kevin Lewis; Laura Porter; Ron Watt
Altar Guild:	Kathy Porter; Trish Warren	Sue Pigeon; Doreen Watt
Sidespeople:	Beryl & Carl Young	Lois Dewey; Rita B. Purcell
Video:	Ron Watt	Paul Howard
Coffee Hour:	Sunday School	Group B