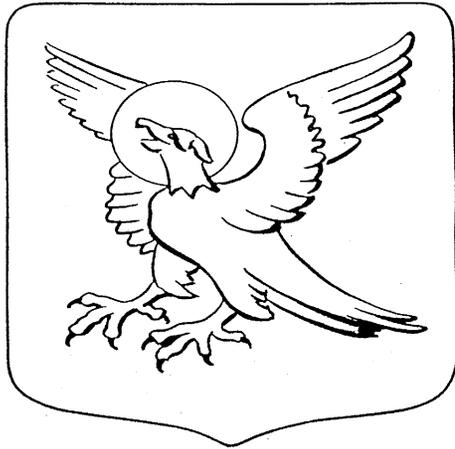


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2017

HOLY EUCHARIST ~ 10am

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Merry Christmas! 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.

HOLY 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 118

O Come All Ye Faithful

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Greeting

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Collect for Purity

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 62:6-12

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the

boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 97

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad. Clouds and darkness are round about him, righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.

A fire goes before him and burns up his enemies on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous, and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name.

Second Reading

Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 154 vv1-2

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:8-20

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

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn vv3-4

Homily

Nicene Creed

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

Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

Offertory Hymn #121

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the gifts

Eucharistic Prayer #3

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Lord's Prayer *(said)*

Breaking of the Bread Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Celebrant The gifts of God are for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Everyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive Holy Communion. In the Anglican tradition, receiving in one kind (either bread or wine) is considered to be complete Communion. *The Communion wafers include gluten. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest at the altar rail.*

Prayer after Communion

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God

All 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing & Dismissal

Closing Hymn #138

Please note: The Church Office will be closed on Dec 25 & 26. It will reopen on Wednesday, December 27.

The flowers in the church are given to the glory of God and in Thanksgiving for:

The Rev. Edward Attwell, Jack Attwell & Beth Attwell Edna & Ross Barber Dennis Badour Gerald & Winnifred Badour Art & Edith Best Ken Brown Delbert & Edith Burns & son Albert John & Doreen Cassell Julia Christie John & Lillian Clark Leonard & Irene Clark Madge Clark Sarah Clark Thomas Clark Thomas Henry Clark Wilfred & Edith Cole Harry & Florence Cross and sons John, Lloyd, Glenn & Larry Randy & Dan DeGrace Ernest & Lyla Dowdall Edna & Davis Good Arnold & Allan Griffith Annette & Willis Hagan Eva & Sidney Hagan William & Alice Hamilton David Hall & Leo Donovan Frank & Marion Harrison Charles, Carrie, David, Lyle & Christine Haskin Jacqueline (McCallum) Hefferman Alice & Will Hitching Charles & Mildred Hitching Marion Hodgins The Rev. Albert Hoppins	Roy & Edith James Judy Keays George Kelly Grace Kelso Clarence Kerfoot Leslie & Kathleen Lewis Sue Preston Malloy John Conor McCabe Allen McCallum Stella & Vincent McGlynn Ardele McIntyre Rose Menzies Harold & Sarah Millar Eldon, Jessie, Bob, Stan, Larry & Joyce Minshull Barry K, Geoff A, Gerry Neary The Rev. Doug Norman Betty Anne Orr Clifford Orr Bill & Keitha Porter Earl, Florence, Joan Porter Norm Porter Art Powers Robert Linden Preston Luella Randall Charles & Esther Roberts Don Robinson Jane Mary & William James Smith Wilhelmina & Lawrence Spencer Joyce & William Swenson Boyd Thompson Norman Tomkinson Francis Wilkinson Jim Wilkinson Tom & Myrtle Wilkinson
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This Week in the Parish

Monday	AA, AI-ATeen, AI-Anon	8pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	10am
	Holy Eucharist – Broadview	11am
	Holy Eucharist – Shardon Manor	1:30pm
Thursday	Choir Practice	7:30pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Envelopes

2018 Offering Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up this week to start using them in January.

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 (on Russell St. W. in the Davidson Courtyard). Bring your bible, an inquiring mind and a willingness to wrestle with the text and what it may be saying to us today. We are taking a break Dec 26 and Jan 2 but will resume Jan 9.

Family New Year's Eve: Sunday December 31 – 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.

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.

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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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