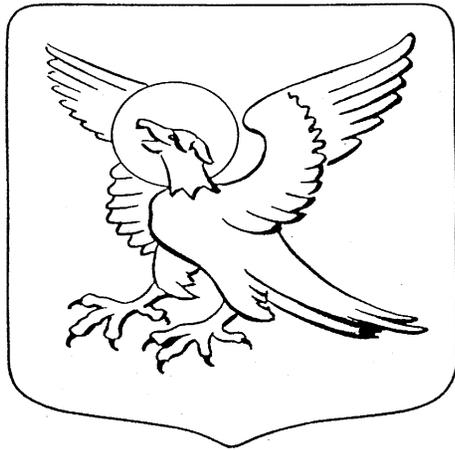


**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada



**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 29, 2018

**SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10am**  
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**Alleluia! Christ is risen. 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 advise a Sidesperson at the entrance to the Church or during Communion so that the clergy may be made aware.

Sunday School is in the Parish Hall today.

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**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 371**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

**Easter Greeting**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May his grace and peace be with you.

**People: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

**Collect for Purity**

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**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

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22:22-30** (please remain seated)

*Tune: Hamburg*

**O praise the Lord, you that fear him,  
O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;  
all you who are of Jacob's line give glory always to the Lord.**

**The Lord does not despise the poor,  
but when they cry, he hears their plea;  
I will praise God and make my vows,  
I will perform the publicly.**

**The poor shall eat and have their fill;  
those who seek God shall give him praise;  
all nations shall turn to the Lord  
and bow before his throne always.**

**Kingship belongs to God the Lord,  
he rules the nations from his throne;  
all those who sleep within the earth  
bow down to worship him alone.**

**My soul shall live for him, my heirs  
shall serve the Lord at his command,  
to people yet unborn make known  
the saving deeds of his right hand.**

### Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn 488 vv 1-3**

### Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

Gospeller: *The Lord be with you*

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you

abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Gospeller: *The Gospel of Christ.*

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

**Gradual Hymn vv 4-5**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Easter Litany** *(please kneel or sit.)*

Response:



**Prayer for the departed**

**The Peace** *(please stand)*

**Offertory Hymn 429**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Prayer over the gifts  
Eucharist Prayer #3**

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**Lord's Prayer** *(said)*

**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. 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. Please do not dip the bread into the chalice. If you do not wish to drink from the common cup, please cross your arms across your chest to signal this to the Communion Assistant. For information about baptism, please speak with Canon Catherine.*

**Hymns during Communion: Red Song Book 169; 164**  
**Hymn after Communion 74**

**Prayer after Communion  
Doxology  
Blessing**

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**Recessional Hymn 425**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: The Venerable Michelle Staples

Readers: Karen Bryan; Terry Dillabough

Litany: Bob Fairfield

Communion Assistants: Kathy Porter; Ron Watt

Servers: Lois Dewey; Rob MacLaren; Ron Watt

Sidespeople: Beryl & Carl Young | Altar Guild: Ann Hare

Video: Ron Watt

**All are welcome to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall following the service.**

Readings for next Sunday, May 6 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

This Week in the Parish		
Monday	AA, Al-Anon	8 pm
Tuesday	Guides Pint & A Passage (at Fort Hemlock Pub)	6:30pm 7pm
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist (Willowdale)	10am 1:30pm
Thursday	Brownies/Sparks Choir	6:30pm 7:30pm
Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5pm

**In our Parish we pray for:** Heather, Paul, Riley, Margaret, Dan Burns, Faye, Lorna, Katie, Steve, Bill Burns, Bonnie, Barb, Ron, Bill D., Stan, Sheila, Bob, Joan, Ann R. Bothwell, John Irvine, Joan D., Loretta, Lily W., Karen K., Kathy, Steve, Brandon, Audrey.

**Friends of the Parish we pray for:** Zachary, Peggy, Marilyn, Jacqui, Dana Dean & family, 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, Donnie McConnell, Eileen C, Walter, Kevin Rochon, Henry, Casey, Jim Jarvis, John Orders, Shannon, Donna, Serge.

**Parishioners residing in retirement/nursing homes we pray for:** Bev Lannin, Cora Beasley Marjorie Brooks, Fran Robinson, Charlie Edwards, Thelma Doherty, Doreen Murray, Audrey Bennett, Marie Banford, Nancy Langdon, Eileen Thompson, Irene Anderson, Mary Thompson, Joyce Wiltsie, Joan Hart, Betty Gault, Helen Cameron, Brenda Hauraney, Ken Winkenweder.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome, Archdeacon Michelle Staples.

We welcome this morning the Venerable Michelle Staples, Archdeacon to the Anglican Military Ordinariate, who is our celebrant and preacher this morning.

### Westminster Presbyterian "Spring Fling": Thurs May 3 7pm

An event in support of Westminster Presbyterian's Mission Outreach Committee. For more information, see the poster outside the parish office. Tickets available through Louise in the parish office.

### Spring Clean Up: Sat May 12 9am

Spring has finally sprung! Bring your rake, gloves etc. and help tidy away some of the debris of winter and renew the property around St. John's.

### Community Dinner: Sun May 20

Please be in touch with Trish Warren if you are able to volunteer: trishwarren19@gmail.com . Trish will be stepping down as the coordinator following the June dinner, so if you are interested in helping to fill that role, please be in touch with Canon Catherine.

### Bishop's Gala

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Bishop's Gala Dinner and Silent Auction, in support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund will be held on **Thurs May 24** at The Ottawa Conference & Event Centre, 200 Coventry Road. The Bishop's Discretionary fund enables Bishop Chapman to provide practical support for areas and needs which fall outside of the regular diocesan budget. For more information, visit <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/bishops-gala/> Please let Canon Catherine know if you would like to attend, so that we can coordinate rides and a table.

### Dinner Auction Sat May 26

Save the date for our annual fundraising dinner an auction! The next planning committee meeting is **Sun May 6** following the 10am service.

### Moving Forward with Reconciliation Sat May 26 9:30 – 3:30

The All My Relations Working Group is offering this workshop to help parishes and individuals in the Diocese deepen their understanding of the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations. It is hoped parishes will send two members to the workshop. If you are interested in this important work that responds to the Church's Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, please speak with Canon Catherine.

### Pastoral Coverage Apr 26-29

Canon Catherine will be away from the parish as an assessor for the Advisory Panel on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO) Apr 26-29. In the case of a pastoral emergency during this period, please contact Canon Jim Roberts at (613) 283-2125. ACPO is an important step on the journey for those discerning a call to ordained ministry. Please hold the candidates and the assessors in your prayers.

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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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 Mac Thompson – Deputy Warden 283-2912  
 Kay Giff – Envelope Secretary 269-3286  
 Lydia Dixon – Sunday School 285-9811

	<b>May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>May 13 – Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>
Readers:	Dawn Dunlop; Maxine Haining	Donna Howard; Pat Lee
Litany:	Bob Fairfield	Bob Fairfield
Communion Assistants:	Karen Bryan; Chris Elmsley	Donna Howard; Kevin Lewis
Servers:	Lois Dewey; Josh MacLaren; Rob MacLaren	Sue Norman; Laura Porter; Ron Watt
Altar Guild:	Kathy Porter; Trish Warren	Kathy Porter; Trish Warren
Sidespeople:	Susan Badour; Fran Harper	Lily & Pat Willis
Video:	Paul Howard	Rob MacLaren
Coffee Hour:	Sunday School	Group B