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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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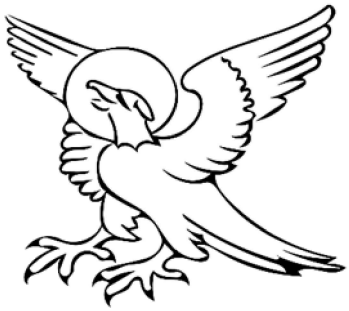

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2024

SUNG EUCHARIST ~ 10 a.m.

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,** **374**
- **Greeting**

  BAS, p.185
- **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,

we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to

you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

Tune: St. Anne

How dear your dwelling place to me,
O Lord of hosts, my king;
My soul desires the courts of God
Whose praise my heart will sing.

The sparrow now has found a house,
The swallow has a nest
Where she may lay her young, O Lord,
And by your altar rest.

Happy are those who dwell with you
And always sing your praise;
Happy the ones you strengthen, Lord,
With hearts set on your ways.

In lonely valleys they will find
A place of pools and springs,
And as they climb to Zion's heights
They see the King of kings.

O God of Jacob, hearken now;
Lord, hear the prayer I bring;
Behold our shield, O God, look down
On your anointed King.

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

• Gradual Hymn: 526

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

Holy Gospel John 6:56-69

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, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back

and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

- **Nicene Creed** p. 188

Prayers of the People

- **Confession and Absolution** p. 191
- **The Peace** p. 192

People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

- **Offertory Hymn** 435

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

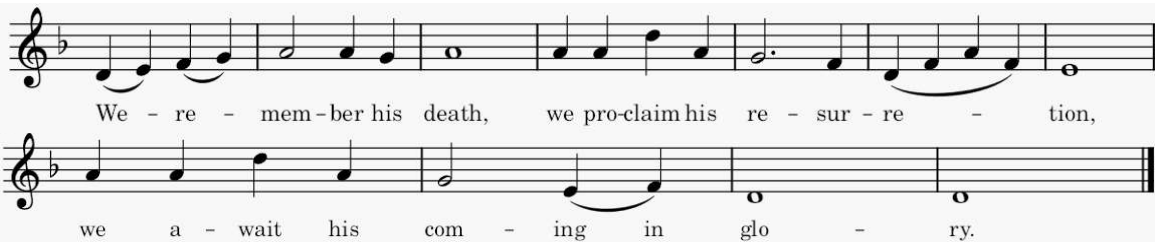
Prayer over the Gifts

God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

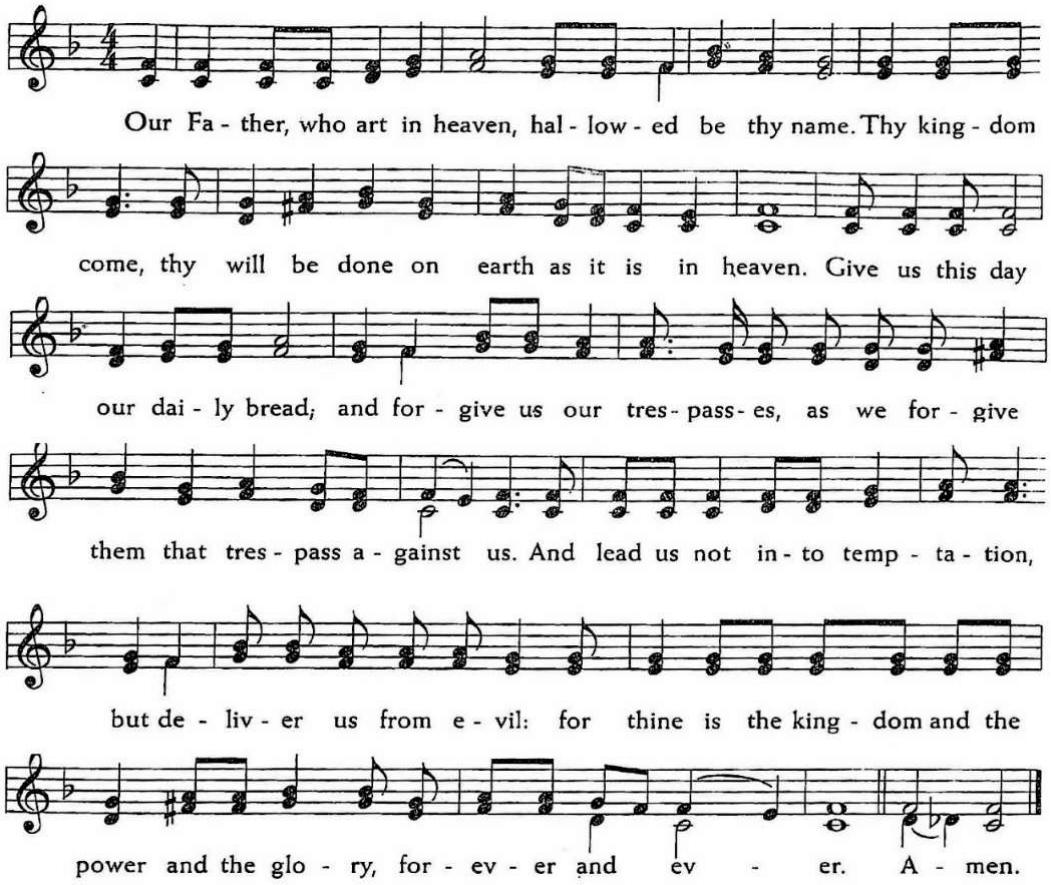
- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** p. 198

Sanctus (sung)

- **Acclamation**

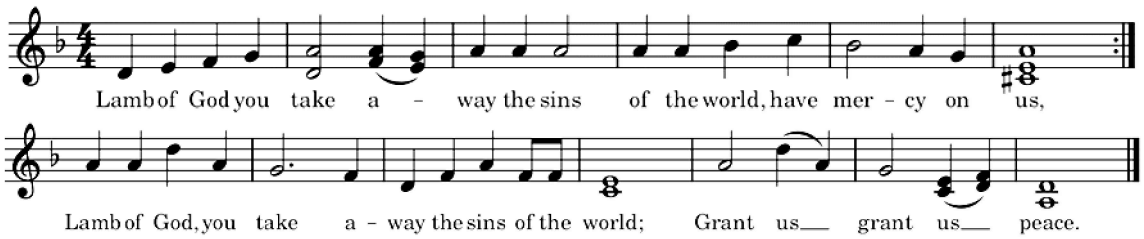


- **The Lord's Prayer** *(sung)* **p. 211**



- **Breaking of the Bread 1** **p. 212**

Agnus Dei



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.

- **Hymns during Communion** **30, 90**
- **Hymn after Communion** **74**
- **Prayer after Communion**

Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- **Doxology** **p. 214**

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **300**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 P.M.
We have completed our book study, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. It has been such a wonderful growing process for us learning that it is OK to have both a Martha heart and a Mary heart. As we partner with God on this lifelong journey, He meets us right where we are. So encouraging!
We will break for the summer and start up again mid-September with a new book (to be determined). Stay tuned. Please feel free to join us on Zoom in September. We welcome any book suggestions you may have. Contact Nancy Fleming (613) 285-7575 with suggestions.

PINT & A PASSAGE
Will be breaking for the summer. Tune in for start up again in September.

175TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL EVENTS
Your Parish Council has been hearing some great ideas of how we could celebrate our 175th anniversary. If you have an idea and are willing to champion the event (plan, promote and execute), please submit a proposal to the Church office with the following information: type of event, approximate date, who will take the lead and resources required. Let's party! One great idea which has been presented is a **FALL POTLUCK**, in the evening, on or around October 5. Anyone interested in helping to organize this event, please contact the office: (613) 283-1261, or e-mail: stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com.

"ST. JOHN'S TODAY" -- NEWSLETTER

We will be providing print and electronic copies of the newsletter. If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please provide your e-mail address on the sheets located in the Canterbury Room and at the North Entrance. You may also call the Church Office (613) 283-1261 or e-mail: stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com to be placed on the e-mail list.

WORSHIP & BBQ IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 15, join us in the park (Centennial Park, near the Kiosk) for an open-air worship service. Beginnings will be on hand to lead us in our songs of praise. Then stay with us following the service for food and fellowship with BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs. Service begins at 10:00 a.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. (Rain date = September 22).

PRAY K7A

Pray for our Town on a late summer's night. We will gather again on Sunday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., at Bethel Pentecostal Church to pray for Smiths Falls and area. The last Sunday of each month Christians from across the Smiths Falls area gather to pray for the town, townships and villages; to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, so please bring your own cares and concerns to pray with the Christian community for God's grace, healing and hope.

GAMES NIGHT KICK OFF – SCAVENGER HUNT!

Friday, September 6, 5:30. You are invited to join us for some games, good food and fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games! A meal will be provided and a few games to choose from. There will be a church Scavenger Hunt organized for some extra laughs! Please contact Laura if you have any questions.

FALL BAZAAR

A renewed and upgraded tradition. Help us celebrate our 175th year as a parish and maybe find that special treasure you have been seeking. October 26 in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Will start up again on Sunday, September 8. Guardians are asked to ensure they are present for drop off and there will be registration sheets for all families to complete.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader: Donna Howard
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Donna Howard
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young

Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Camera:
Streaming:
Readings for next Sunday, September 1, 2024~
Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Ps 45: 1-2, 7-10; Jas 1:17-27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15; 21-23

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

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