ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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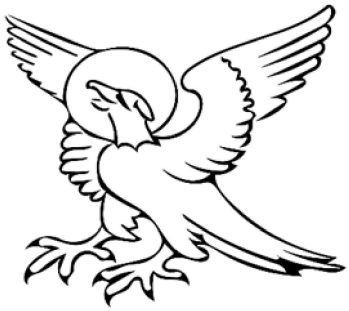

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Season of Creation

September 1, 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

Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kathleen and Leslie Lewis by the Lewis family.

Prelude

Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn,** **416**
- **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

Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

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

Psalm 45 *(Read Responsively)*

My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

You are the fairest of men; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you for ever.

Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your kingdom; you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Second Reading James 1:17-27

> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive

themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

- **Gradual Hymn:** **619**

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

Holy Gospel — Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and

bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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** **439**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

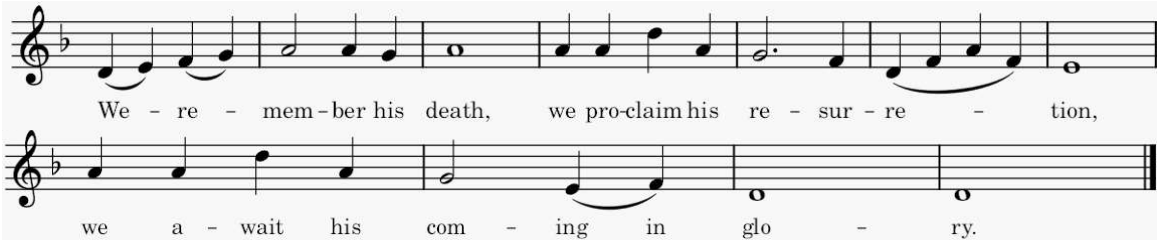
Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** p. 198

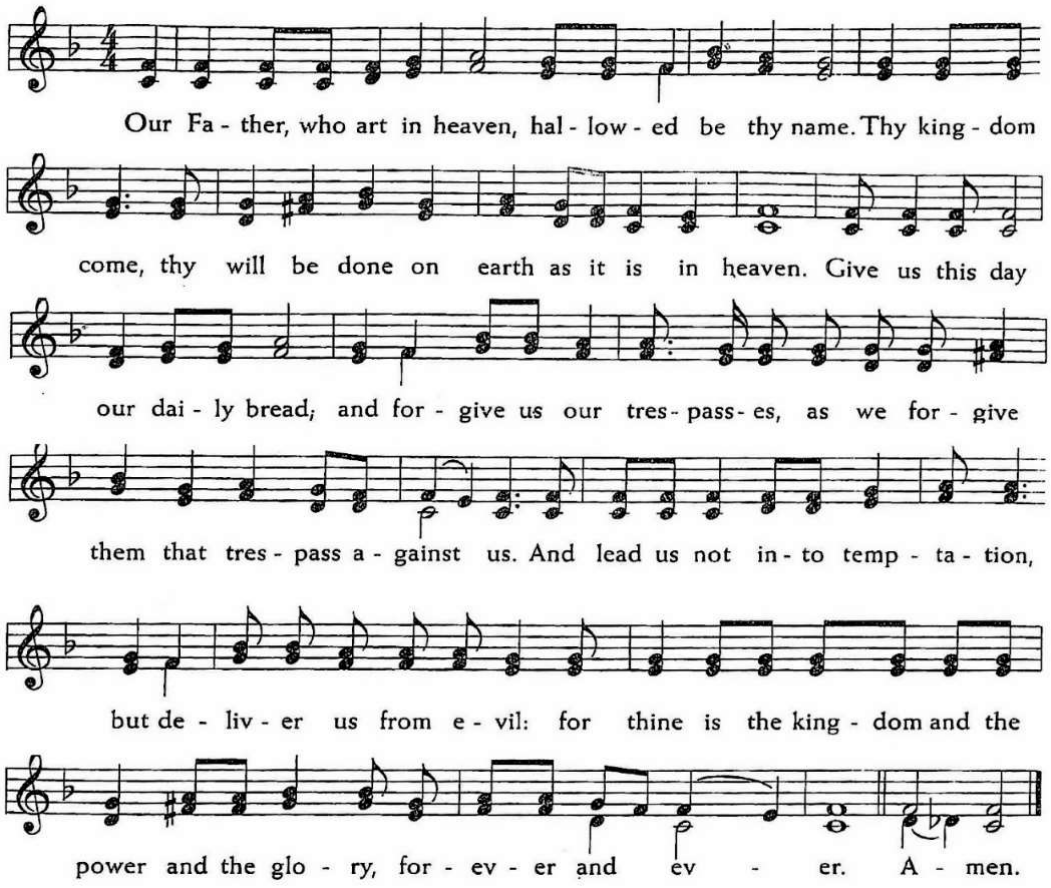
Sanctus (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

- **Acclamation**

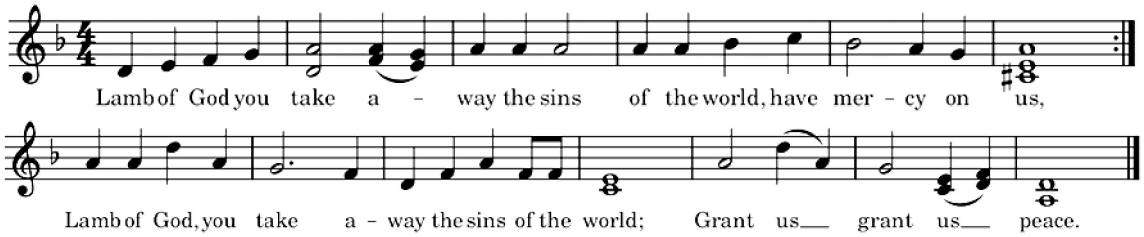


- **The Lord's Prayer** *(sung)* **p. 211**



- **Breaking of the Bread 2** **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** **10**
- **Hymn after Communion** **74**
- **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May your holy food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **577**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF CREATION
Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1st to October 4th every year.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7:15 P.M.
We are in the process if choosing a new book and will keep you posted on a start date.

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).

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.

YOU'RE INVITED!
COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHT
Friday, September 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Members of St. John's Anglican Church welcome our neighbouring community and their families to join us in an evening of games and

fun in the Parish Hall. Games, snacks and drinks will be provided. Questions? Contact Brenda Ferguson (613)283-0494 or Kathy Porter (613) 283-7605 for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES, JULY 17
Are available for review on the St. John's website: www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com.

St. JOHN'S FAMILY …
Extensive moisture penetration and mould have been discovered in the lower hall requiring us to forge a new path forward. Parish Council has asked that an ad hoc committee be established (5-7 members). The mandate of this committee is to gather the information needed so that the congregation is able to make an informed decision with regards to the future of the hall and church space. We anticipate this will be a time limited and active group. If you are interested in participating in this work, please contact Lois Arkell, (613) 485-9181.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Reader: Trish Warren
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Mike McCulloch
Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Camera:
Streaming:
Readings for next Sunday, September 8, 2024~
Pr 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125; Jas 2:1-10, 14-17; Mk 7:24-37

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

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