ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Season of Creation

September 8, 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

Prelude

Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn,** **306**
- **Greeting**

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- **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

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Psalm 125 (Read Responsively)

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

The sceptre of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good and to those who are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; but peace be upon Israel.

Second Reading James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as

transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

- **Gradual Hymn:** **430**

Holy Gospel — Mark 7:24-37

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.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that,

you may go the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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** **572**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

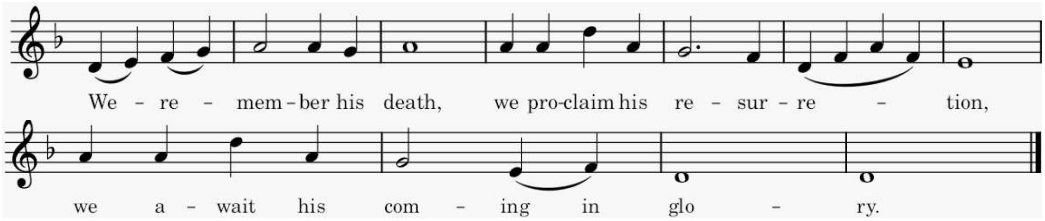
Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** p. 198

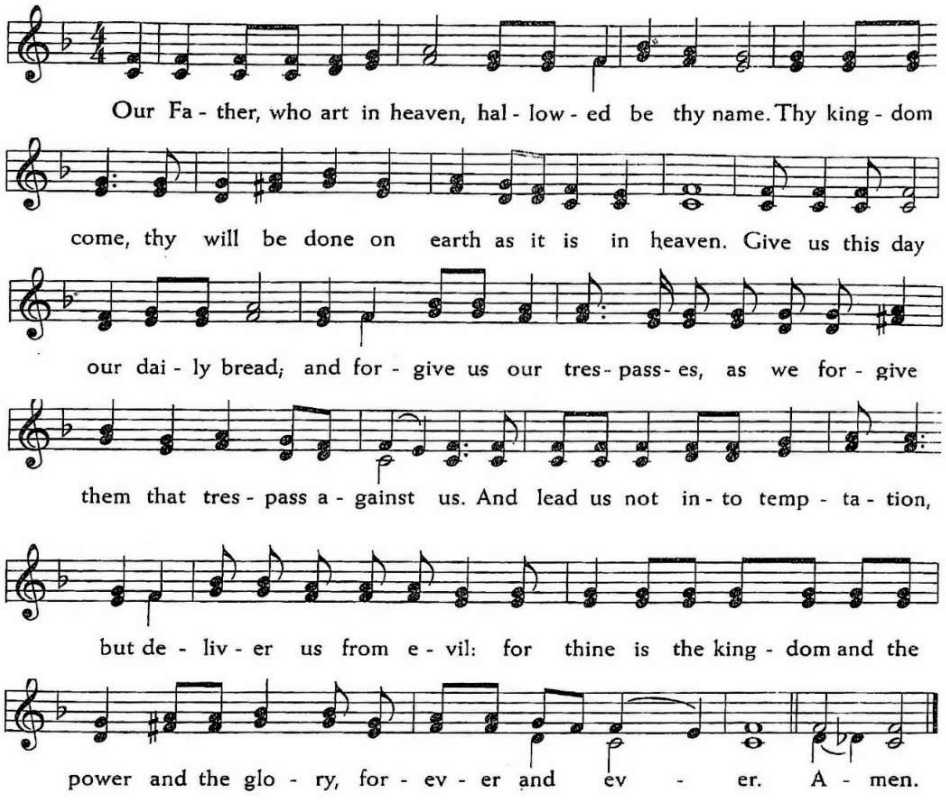
Sanctus (sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

- **Acclamation**

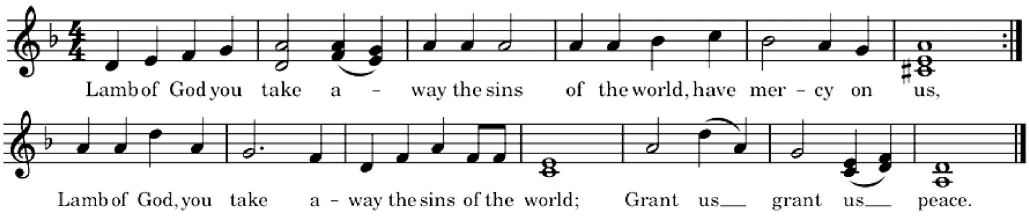


- **The Lord's Prayer** *(sung)* **p. 211**



- **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** **48, 108**
- **Hymn after Communion** **74**
- **Prayer after Communion**

Father,
your word and sacrament give us food and life.
May we who have shared in holy things
bear fruit to your honour and glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **560**

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.
Bible Study group have chosen *"The Challenge of Jesus"* by N.T. Wright. The book can be found on Amazon and Indigo. We are very excited to begin and invite anyone interested to join us for some good discussion, fun and stories. Bible Study is held Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:15, starting Monday, September 23. Study is via zoom. We look forward to adding new people to our group!

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!

Save **Saturday, October 5, 5:00 p.m.** for the **FALL POTLLUCK**. Please bring your favourite dish. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

"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).

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 this morning. 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.

CELEBRATIONS
Congratulations Clare and Violet Churchill on your 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 12.

If anyone wishes to acknowledge a special birthday or anniversary, please let the office know and we will post it in the bulletin announcements!

KEENAGERS
Hosted by the First Baptist Church, this is a fellowship time of prayer, scripture reading, music and guest speakers for individuals 55+. Starting on Tuesday, September 10, it takes place at its NEW, FULLY ACCESSIBLE LOCATION at the Smiths Falls Civitan Club. It is held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. Anyone needing a ride may contact Eric Wills (613) 283-7007.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Invites you to join them on Saturday, September 28, 9:00 – 12:00, for a **MAID SEMINAR (Medical Assistance in Dying),** presented by Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. A thoughtful exploration from a Christian viewpoint with EFC Director, David Guretzki. You will become better informed and challenged to consider how Christians answer those considering MAID. Please e-mail Leah Williams by September 21 if you plan to attend: rwilliams33@cogeco.ca.

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Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Reader: Chris Silvermoon-Cutler
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Kathy Porter
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Camera:
Streaming:
Readings for next Sunday, September 15, 2024~
Pr 1:20-33; Ps 19; Jas 3:1-12; Mk 8:27-38

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

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