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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024

Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.

Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

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** **380**
- **Greeting** **BAS, p.185**

Children's Talk

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- **Collect for Purity**

Gloria **(sung – music can be found in blue hymnal, 365)**

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,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness from glory to glory;
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 Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses

went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

Psalm 99

Tune: Old 100th

The Lord is King; let people quake;
He sits above the cherubim;
In Zion God the Lord is great;
Let nations stand in awe of him.

He is the Holy One, his Name
Is awesome, great, let all confess;
"Lover of justice, mighty King,
You have established righteousness."

Proclaim God's greatness and bow down
And worship him, the Holy Lord;
Moses and Aaron, Samuel,
They called on God and heard his word.

Out of the cloud he spoke to them,
They kept his law and his decrees;
O Lord, you answered and forgave,
Yet punished all their evil deeds.

Proclaim God's greatness and bow down,
Worship him on his holy hill;
He is the Lord, our God and King,
The Holy One, our Savior still.

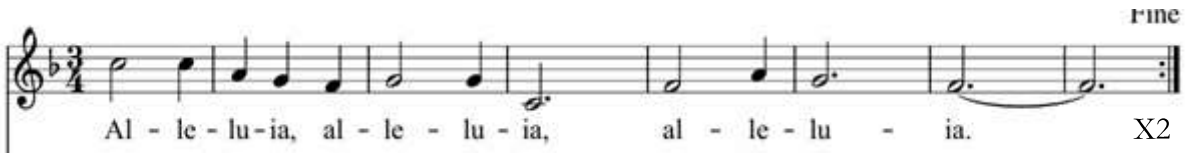
Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

by Kate O'Keefe

Chorus sung by all

Verse sung by cantor or choir.

Holy Gospel — Luke 9:28-36

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.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah " - not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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.

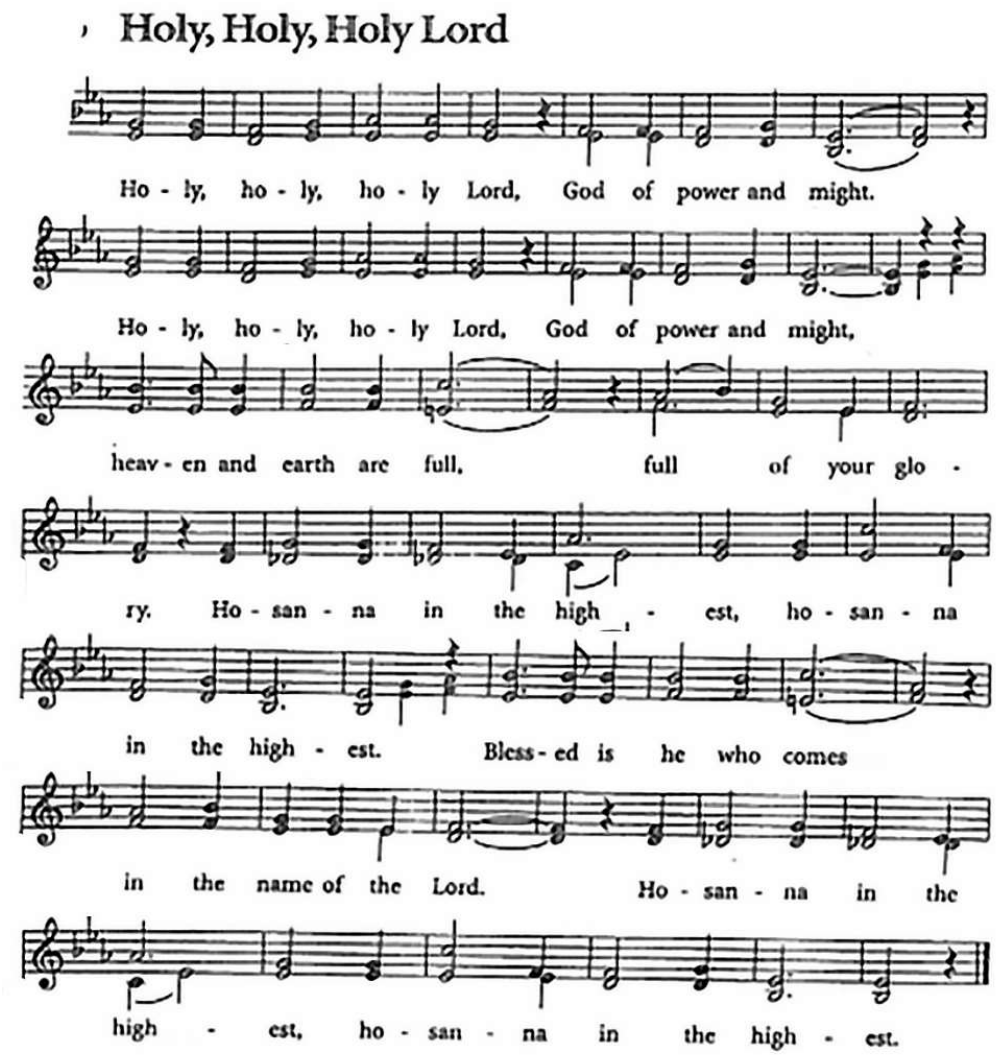
- **Offertory Hymn** **166**

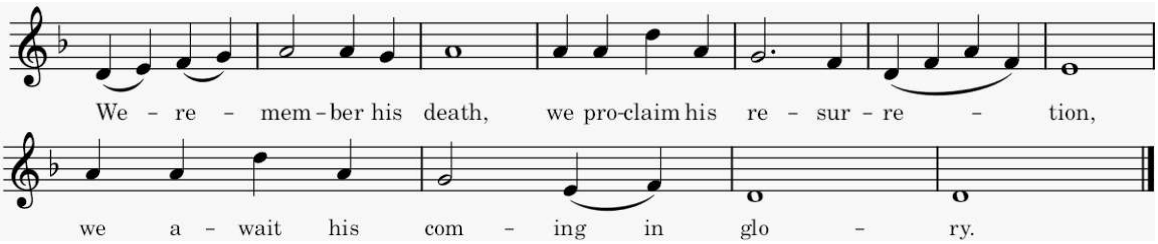
THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

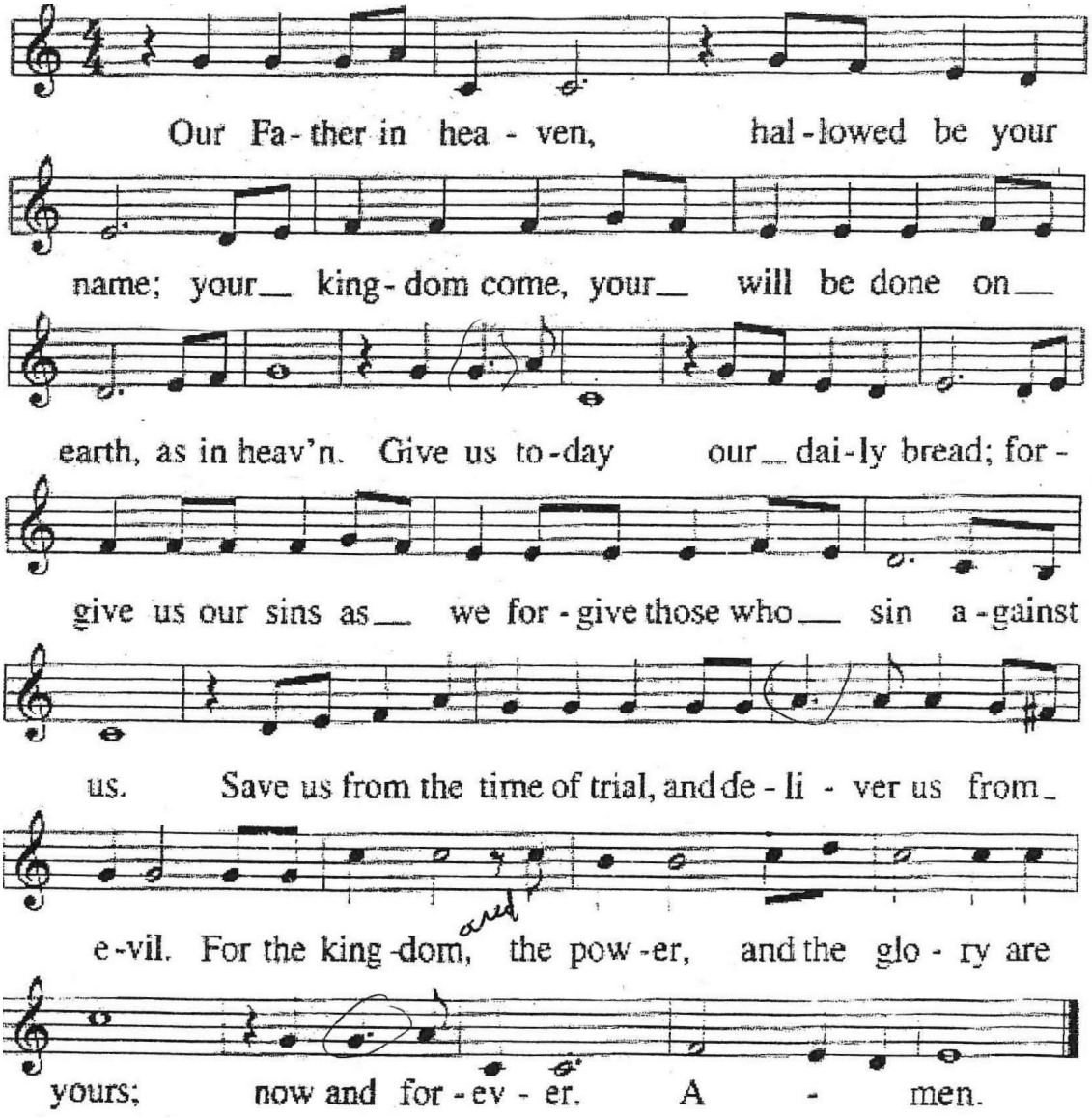
Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that radiant glory
which we see in the transfigured face
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

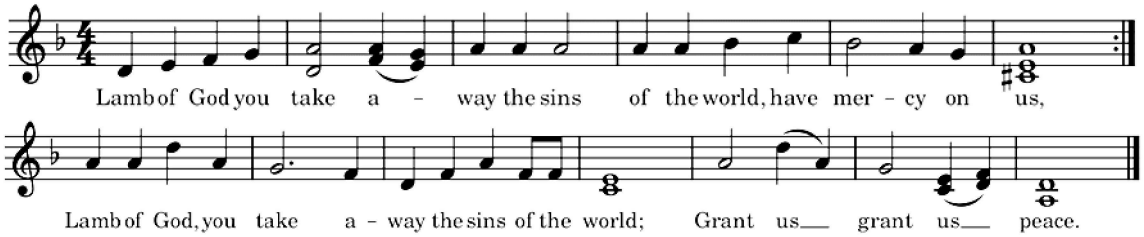
- **Eucharistic Prayer 3** **p. 198**

- **Sanctus (sung)** p.198

- **Acclamation** p.199



The Lord's Prayer *(sung)* **p. 21**

- **Breaking of the Bread 2** **p. 212**

- **Agnus Dei** **p. 228**



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, 79**
- **Hymn after Communion** **74**

- **Prayer after Communion**

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
May we who are partakers of his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **169**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAMES NIGHT
Friday, March 7, 2025, 5:30 pm. Please join us for some games, food and fellowship! Bring your friends and bring your games! A warm meal will be provided and a few games available to choose from. Please call Laura Porter if you have any questions.

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY resumed on February 3rd.
The selection, How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth: Fourth Edition by authors Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart, is available from Amazon and Indigo. Everyone is welcome to join us for learning, the free exchange of ideas, and fun. Participants meet for an hour via Zoom beginning at 7:15. If interested, please contact Kathy Rycroft, our Parish Secretary. We hope to see you!

SMITHS FALLS FOOD BANK
Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. They will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and

delivered to the Food Bank. Any questions, contact Debbie Lewis, (613) 284-6111.

2024 CONTRIBUTIONS – TAX RECEIPTS
Are now available for pick up in the Canterbury Room.

PRAY K7A
Come and pray for Smiths Falls and area Sunday, March 30, 7:00 pm at Calvary Bible Church. We'll be praying generally for the town and area, giving thanks for God's gifts of grace and seeking his intercession and guidance for the needs and cares of our area.

"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.

SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER FUNDRAISER
March 4, 2025, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. upstairs in the Parish Hall. This is a fundraiser in support of the organ. Payment is a free-will offering ($6.00 per person recommended). Volunteers please gather at the Hall at 4:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
The Minutes of the January 22, 2025 meeting are now available on the website: www.stjohn-smithsfalls.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
"I Made You Wonderful" is the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer service which was prepared by the WDP Committee from the Cook Islands. St. John's will be participating in the event at **Trinity**

United Church on Friday, March 7th at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

175th ANNIVERSARY FINALE!
On Sunday, May 4th, an afternoon of uplifting music will be hosted by St. John's. Musicians/singers from several churches will join us in celebration of our special milestone. A reception will follow. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further details!

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 5, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm services.

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Reader: Donna Howard
Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley & Kevin Lewis
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk

Readings for next Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~
Dt 26:1-11; Ps 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom 10:8b-13; Lk 4:1-13

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

The Right Reverend Shane A. D. Parker – Bishop of Ottawa

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