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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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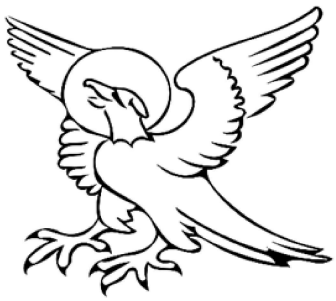

First Sunday In Lent

March 9, 2025

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

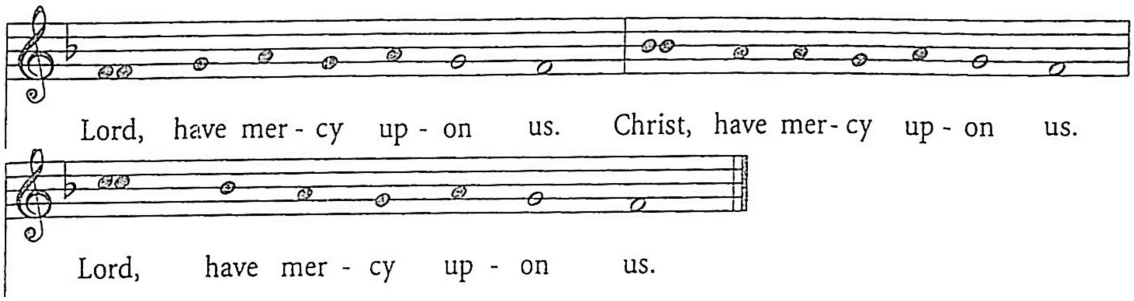
Announcements

- **Processional (Opening) Hymn** **175**
- **Greeting** **BAS, p.185**

Children's Talk

- **Collect for Purity** **BAS, p.185**

Kyrie Eleison



Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,

so we may know your power to save;
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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first

of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91

The one who dwells within God's care,
Under the shadow of his throne,
Shall say, "You are my refuge, Lord,
I put my trust in you alone."

He shall deliver you from snares
And from the deadly pestilence;
His faithfulness shall be your shield,
His wings shall be your sure defense.

By night no terrors shall bring fear,
Nor yet by day the arrow's flight,
Nor sickness that lays waste at noon,
Nor plague that stalks in darkest night.

Though thousands fall on every side,
You need not ever be afraid;
Your eyes have only to behold
To see how evil is repaid.

Because your refuge is the Lord,
Your habitation the Most High,
No evil shall afflict you there,
Neither shall any plague come nigh.

To keep you safe in all your ways
God gives his angels strict command
That, lest your foot should strike a stone,
They bear you always in their hand.

The lion and the adder both
Your foot shall tread on, trample down;
I will protect those bound to me,
The one to whom my Name is known.

For he will call on me in need
And I will surely hear his prayer,
And answer him and be with him
In every trouble and despair.

So I will rescue him at last
And praise and honor him above,
And satisfy him with long life
And show to him my saving love.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8B-13

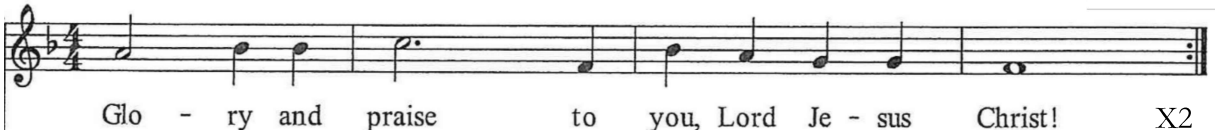
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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 4:1-13

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.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus

answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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** **555**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

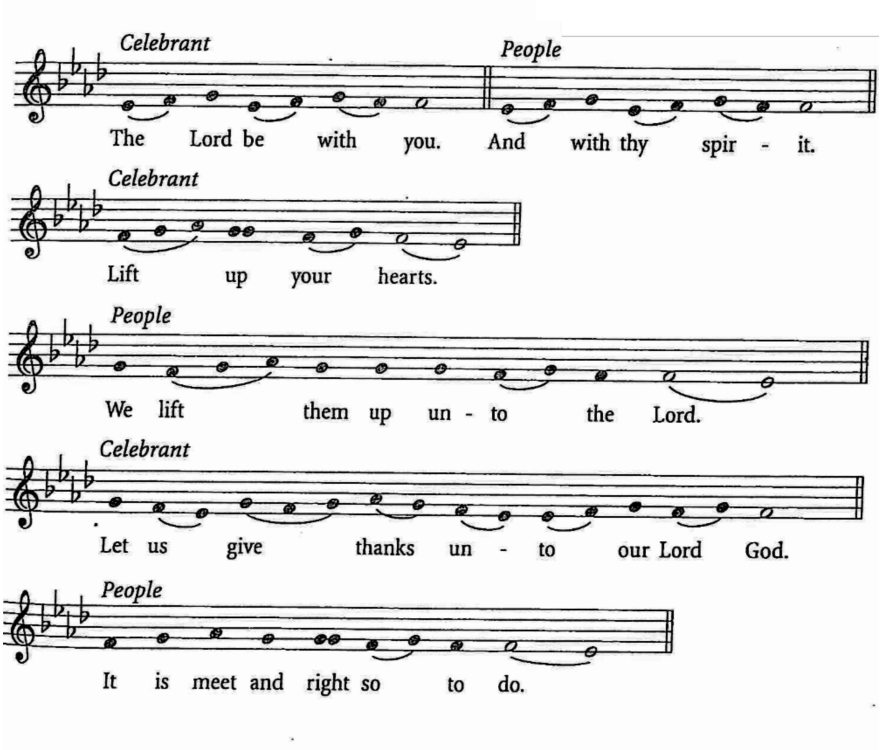
Prayer over the Gifts

God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son

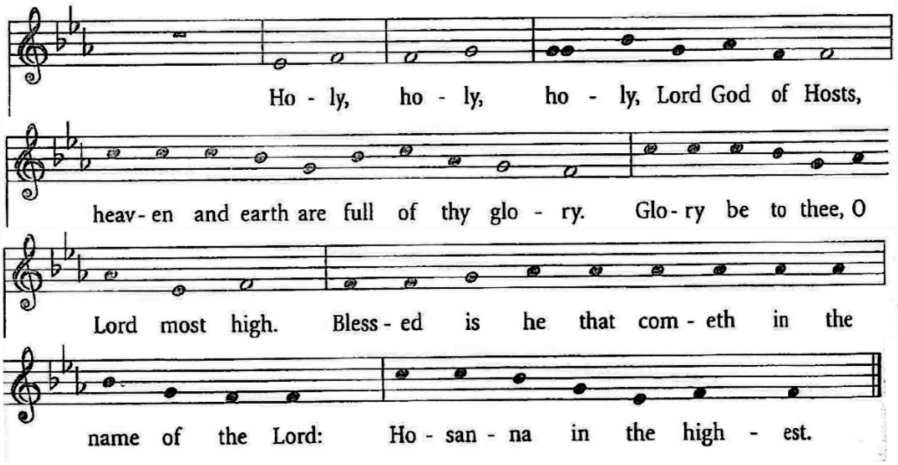
transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

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

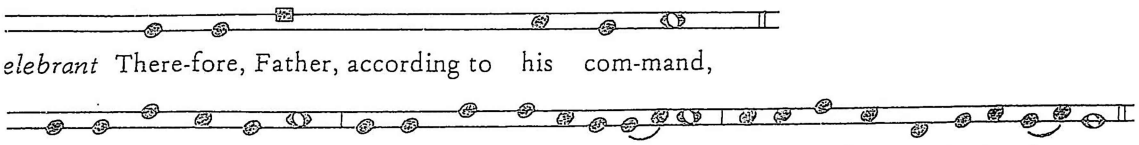
Sursum Corda



Sanctus (sung)



Acclamation



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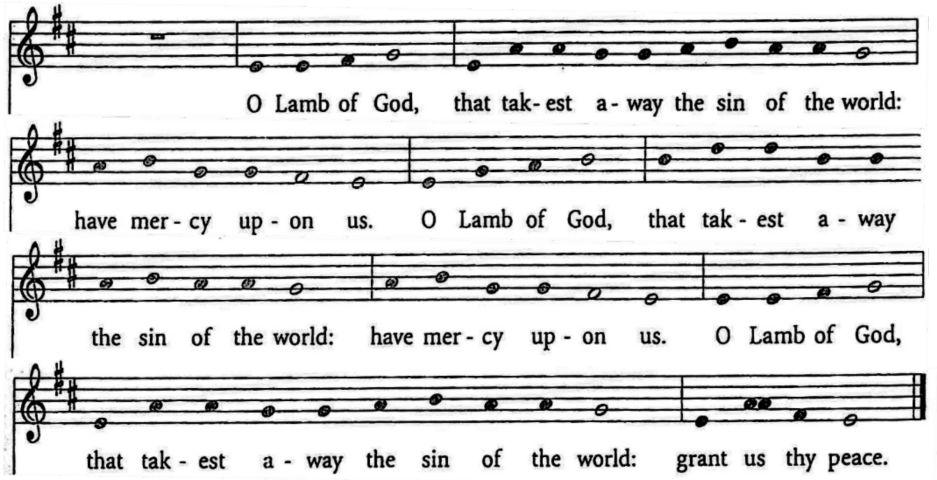
- **Breaking of the Bread 7** p. 213

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** **65 & 149**

- **Hymn after Communion**

Wherefore O Father
Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
Offer our praises, with our glad thanksgiving,
Offer ourselves, Lord, souls and bodies to thee,
Christ's death proclaiming.

So, Lord, we thank thee, for that thou dost feed us,
Members united in that mystic body
Company blessed of all faithful people;

Thus we would service thee.

- **Prayer after Communion**

Faithful God,
in this holy bread
you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

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

The Blessing

- **Recessional Hymn** **628**

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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!

Presiding Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Reader: Karen Bryan
Communion Assistants: Kevin Lewis & Kathy Porter
Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan

Readings for next Sunday, March 16, 2025 ~

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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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