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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Aug 17th, 2025 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.

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THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80 Tune: Hamburg

 O Shepherd, like a flock you lead Your people Israel; hear our prayer; Enthroned upon the cherubim In glory, shine on our despair.

- 2. Before Manasseh, Benjamin, And Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace; Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; Show us the glory of your face.
- Restore us, and we shall be saved;
 O God of hosts, show us your light;
 From Egypt you brought up a vine
 And planted it with your great might.
- 4. You, Lord, prepared the ground for it; It put down roots, spread far and wide; Its shadow covered mountain peaks, Beneath its boughs tall cedars hide.
- 5. You stretched its arms and tendrils out From Sea to River far away; Why, then, do strangers pluck its grapes? Why have you let its walls decay?
- 6. Your vine is ravaged by wild boars, Beasts graze on what your hand has sown; Turn now, O God of hosts, look down, Preserve and tend what is your own.

Second Reading

Hebrews

11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28 by Owen Alstott, OCP, 1990.



Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

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 said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Offertory Hymn

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

Loving God and Father,
you have adopted us to be your heirs.
Accept all we offer you this day
and give us grace to live as faithful children.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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Sanctus (sung)



Acclamation



The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done
On earth, as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours;
Now and forever.

Amen.

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Celebrant: I am the bread, which has come down from heaven, says the Lord

All: Give us this bread forever

Celebrant: 'I am the vine, you are the branches' All: May we dwell in him, as he lives in us



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 (see insert) "Beginnings"

Hymn after Communion (see insert) "Beginnings"

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we have received a token of your promise. May we who have been nourished by holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 444

Dismissal

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ORGANIST & MUSIC DIRECTOR

St. John's is excited to announce that Wendy Stokes-Earl will be joining us as our new Organist & Music Director! We are blessed to welcome Wendy to our church family. Wendy will be stepping into her new role as of September $1^{\rm st}$. Look for more on Wendy's adventures and accomplishments in upcoming news editions.

GAMES NIGHT RETURNS - Sept 5th at 5:30pm, Potluck dinner Welcome back to Games Night! We will start with enjoying a potluck dinner at 5:30pm, and after that we will bring out the games. All are welcome to come for the meal or games or both! Bring your friends and family and bring your favourite games to share. There will be a few games provided for anyone to play. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Porter at lporter1295@gmail.com.

APPOINTMENTS WITH THOMAS

Looking for a good time to catch Thomas in his office? Starting August 21st, Thomas is going to be available on Thursday afternoons from 1PM to 4PM for appointments or drop-in visits (other times by chance or appointment). Appointments can be booked for Thursday afternoons, through the church office, or you can drop in and, if he is available, have a chat. Emergencies do arise, so it is best to call before an impromptu visit, just to be sure he is in.

FALL BAZAAR

If you have donations for the upcoming Bazaar in the fall, which will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, between 11am to 2pm, we would appreciate it if you would hold on to them for a while. We cannot store donations in the hall basement due to mold. We are presently looking for storage places and will announce when we are able to accept your donations. Thank you.

PRAYER TEAM

<u>Philippians 4:6</u> - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

This is a follow-up to the insert in our bulletin regarding our prayer lists. We would like to start a team of people praying for a list of those with ongoing needs. Anyone with any level of prayer experience could comfortably pray in their own home.

If you wish to join this integral and powerful ministry, please call the Church office to leave your name and contact information.

PRAY K7A

As the summer continues, we're hoping for good weather on the last Sunday of July. As you know, 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 each month. This month, August 31st at 7:00 pm, we'll gather at St. John's Anglican Church, 2 George Street South. The plan is to meet at the church, and then share in a prayer walk through the town as we pray God's blessing, healing, forgiveness, and the joy of the Gospel on Smiths Falls.

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 at 613.284.6111.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greeters, Readers and Intercessors needed for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services. If you are able to help out with this vital and rewarding ministry, please let the office know, and Rev. Thomas will schedule a training day in early September 2025.

"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.

ALTAR GUILD FLOWER FUND

If you wish to donate to the flower fund, please either call the office, or place the money on the collection plate in an envelope marked 'flower fund'. Any questions please contact Debbie Lewis at 613,284,6111.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts
Communion Assistants: Mike McCulloch/Pat Lee
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Aug 24, 2025 ~

JER 1:4-10; PSALM 71:1-6; HEB 12:18-29; LUKE 13:10-17

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Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Weekly Liturgies

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.* – Wednesdays 10 a.m. *Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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