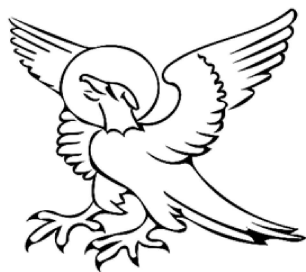


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Aug 31st, 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.

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

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The Gloria

Sung as printed here.

PRAISE

365 Glory to God on High

1 Glo - ry to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
2 Our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 You on - ly are the Lord. You on - ly are most high.

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, our heaven - ly King.
the sac - ri - fi - cial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
You on - ly are the ho - ly one, Lord Je - sus Christ.

We give you praise, al - might - y God and
have mer - cy Lord. Be - side the Fa - ther's
And now you reign with Fa - ther and with

Fa - ther blessed in glo - ry bright.
hand en - throned, now hear our prayer.
Spir - it one in glo - rious 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

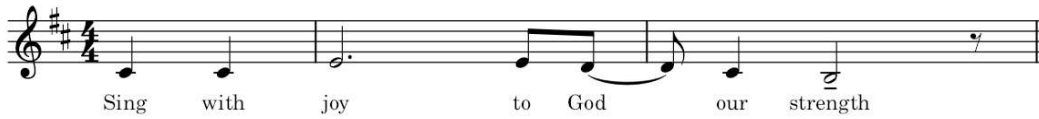
Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81

Chorus:



1. Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
Chorus
2. And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.
Chorus
3. Oh, that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.
Chorus
4. Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.
Chorus

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Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Go and teach all na-tions, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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The Peace

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

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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

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Sanctus *(sung)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on eight staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Breaking of the Bread 4

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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

We Come Now to Your Table Lord 192

$\text{♩} = 60$ F Gm⁷ Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ F

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 2/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The lyrics are: 'We come now to your ta-ble Lord, you are the Liv-ing Bread. We come now to your ta-ble Lord, let ev'-ry soul be fed. You are the Liv-ing Bread, let ev'-ry soul be fed: and now may ev'-ry soul be fed with Liv-ing Bread.' The chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Gm⁷, Dm, Gm⁷, C⁷, F, Gm⁷, Dm, Gm⁷, C⁷, F, Gm, F, Gm, C, F, Gm, Dm, Gm⁷, C⁷, F.

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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

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Hymn after Communion

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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

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The Blessing

Recessional

Hymn

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Dismissal

Special Addition Song Lyrics

"What an Awesome God" – Chorus

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC SERIES, PART I – St. John's will host the first of two, fall, music concerts on **Saturday, October 4th at 7pm**. Stephen Palmer will perform original and traditional folk songs interspersed with gospel sing-alongs. Steve has toured extensively, produced 5 albums, and has been inducted into the Edmonton Music Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$20 in advance from the church office or Karen Bryan and will be available for \$25 at the door. Free admission for children under 13 years of age! Please join us for this joyful, family-friendly event. A portion of the proceeds will go towards our organ replacement fund. Light refreshments at a nominal cost (because it's a fundraiser!) will be available. For further information, contact Karen Bryan or Trish Warren.

FALL BAZAAR

Our Fall Bazaar is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, between 11am to 2pm. Your donations for the Bazaar can be dropped off at the Church Hall, starting the first week of September, during office hours. If you have any questions regarding your donations, please contact Louise Sherry at 613.284.1923, or email Louise at: suntigersherry@gmail.com.

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.

CHANGES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, Sunday School will be called **4DFaith Kids**. With a new name, and a fresh spin on encouraging children to delight in their faith, devotion, discernment, and discipleship. We will begin on **September 7th** at the 10am service. **Please arrive for 9.30am** to register for the year, and to receive your information packs so that you can know more about the plan for the year, and some changes being made to the way we do things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Cont'd

THANK YOU, WELCOME, AND WHAT'S NEXT

On **Sunday, September 14th**, following the 10am service, we will be hosting a celebration and discussion. We will be giving thanks to God for the wonderful way in which Sterling has been supporting our music ministry this year. We will be giving thanks to God for the new music ministry support from Wendy Earl who will be joining us as our organist beginning the first Sunday of September. And finally, we will be continuing the discussion about the health of our current organ, and some of the options we might have in response.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING FEAST - Saturday, November 15th

We will be holding a Fall Harvest Potluck and Trivia Night! To make the night even more fun, we're inviting people to bring food they've cooked following recipes found in the St. John's Cookbook *Feeding the Flock* (available for purchase for \$15 each). (Arrive 5pm to eat for 5.30-6. Trivia to follow!) If you're interested, please put your name down on the signup sheet in the Canterbury Room, or outside the church office.

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.

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.

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.

Flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kathleen and Leslie Lewis and David Hall by the Lewis Family

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistants: Chris Elmsley/Donna Howard
Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard
Greeters: Paul Howard & Donna Howard
Altar Guild: Ruth Andersen & Jessica Coughlan
Organist: Sterling Bennett
Readings for next Sunday, Sept 7, 2025 ~
JER 18:1-11; PSALM 139:1-5,12-17; PHILEM 1-21; LUKE 14:25-33

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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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