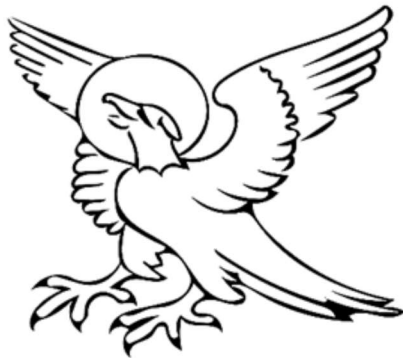


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost**

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.
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Oct 26th, 2025

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 – “Reverie”
(Rawsthorne)

Announcements

**Processional
(Opening) Hymn**

**3 – “Morning Has
Broken”**

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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

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
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

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the

great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 65:9-14

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You visit all the earth, O Lord,
And water it abundantly;
Your stream runs full; preparing grain,
You make provision rich and free.

You drench the furrows, smooth the fields,
Softens the ground with heavy rain;
You crown with goodness all the year
And leave rich paths across the plain.

May desert fields be filled with herds,
And hills be clothed with gladness, too;
May meadows, valleys, clothe themselves
With flocks and grain and sing to you.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the

message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18:9-14

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

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful

to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn *Us"*

434 – *"The Love of Jesus Calls*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.

May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 2

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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.



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 2

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Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the
 one bread.**

We Come Now to Your Table Lord 192

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We come now to your ta-ble Lord, you are the Liv-ing Bread. We

F Gm⁷ Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ F

come now to your ta-ble Lord, let ev' - ry soul be fed. You

F Dm Gm F Gm C F

are the Liv-ing Bread, let ev' - ry soul be fed: and

F Gm Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ F

now may ev' - ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

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

564 – *"Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"*

Duet – *"Come to Jesus"* (Trish Warren and Karen Bryan)

Hymn after Communion

74 – *"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"*

Prayer after Communion

God our guide,
you have fed us with bread from heaven
as you fed the people of Israel.
May we who have been inwardly nourished
be ready to follow you all our days;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

384 – *"Praise to the Lord, the*

Almighty"

Dismissal

Postlude – *"Air"* from *"Trumpet Tune"* (Purcell)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray K7A - Please join us this evening (Sunday, Oct 26 at 7pm), to gather to pray for the town, townships, and villages, to sing praise to God, and to encourage each other each month. We will be meeting at the **Smiths Falls Free Methodist Church**, at 573 County Road 29, Smiths Falls. 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 in Smiths Falls.

All Saints/Souls Service – *Saturday, November 1st at 7.00pm* - We are extending a special invitation to everyone to join in a memorial service to remember those who have died, especially in the last year. Anyone is welcome to provide names beforehand, that will be added to the insert for the bulletin, and will be read out during the service. The name(s) can also be written on a piece of paper and presented to a greeter at the service Saturday night. Please contact the Church office for more information

Harvest Thanksgiving Feast POSTPONED – We're really sorry to say that we will have to postpone our autumn potluck, and transform it into something for the New Year. We apologize for any disappointment or inconvenience. Please watch this space for news about what we might do in the future. Many thanks to those wonderful folks who had already signed up to provide a dish.

Christmas Choir - For those of you that love Christmas music, take the opportunity to join the Christmas Choir. This group will sing for 8 weeks, and then go to the TGIE (thank goodness it's Epiphany party). Practices are held Friday and Saturday mornings at 10am (Please note that there is no practice on October 31st). For further information or to sign up, please contact Wendy at: w.wearl@hotmail.com.

Games Night (first Friday of the month) – November 7th at 5.30pm – Meal is provided and starts at 5.30pm – food contributions

are always welcome. There is a free-will offering available to cover the food cost. A few games will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Porter at: lporter1295@gmail.com.

New Welcoming Process – Individual Lanyards – We will be implementing a new welcoming procedure for all greeters, commencing the next service. Please pick up your name tag from the basket on the table in the Canterbury Room when you arrive, and return it to the basket after the service (before you leave).

Pastoral Care Request - Last year you and your Pastoral Care team purchased and packed 13 gift bags (there will be 22 this year) with gifts and gift cards for folks at Bridge House (formerly Willowdale) plus gift cards for folks at Shardon Manor and Victoria House. Then you baked many, many delicious cookies for us to package to give to approximately 35 friends and family in our long-term care homes and individual homes.

We are planning to do this again this year. Our Outreach Committee has very generously given us \$2,000.00 to do so. If you could help us again, that would be wonderful.

We will need:

1. Medium-sized Christmas gift bags
2. Christmas cards
3. Then lots of those cookies that everyone loves. You could make your cookies a little early and keep in your own freezer or bring to the freezer at Church. We would need the **gift bags and cards by the end of November** and the **cookies by December 7th**, please.

As always, we are so grateful for your generosity as we, together, help make many in our community feel loved at this time.

If you have any questions, please ask Lois Arkell, Gail Brennan, Brenda Ferguson, Pat Lee, Sue Norman, Cindy Penman or Kathy Porter.

Over →

"Masters in the Hall ~ Celtic Music for Christmastime" will be the next in our concert series at St. John's. Mark Saturday, December 6th (7 - 9 p.m.) in your calendars to enjoy this group which has performed at the National Arts Centre. The Castle Trio, accomplished musicians all, will bring to life festive music in the Celtic tradition. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 12 and under. **Beginning November 3rd**, they can be purchased online at <https://www.justinkylesusan.ca/> or from Laura in the parish office and members of the Music Ministry Team and Parish Council. Join us for this toe-tapping time which is also a fundraiser for our organ purchase! Contact Karen Bryan or Trish Warren for information.

Monday Night Bible/Book Study Has Begun Please join us Monday evenings **at 7.15pm via Zoom** - reading and discussing "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please pick up or order your own copy. Let the Church office know if you would like to participate, and Dan Willis will send the Zoom co-ordinates to you. We very much look forward to you joining us for this meaningful and spiritual growth that we experience as we share and learn together. If you have any questions or you'd like a little more information, please call Sue Norman at: 613.283.5053.

Let us continue to pray for whomever God might call to become the next Bishop of Ottawa, and pray for those who carry those responsibilities in the meantime.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Jim Roberts
Preacher: Rev. Jim Roberts
Communion Assistants: Mike McCulloch*/Kathy Porter
Reader/Intercessor: Pat Lee – Reader/Karen Bryan – Intercessor
Greeters: Gail Brennan & Linda Coleman
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Nov 2, 2025 ~
DAN 7:1-3,15-18; PS 149; EPH1:11-23; LK 6:20-31

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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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