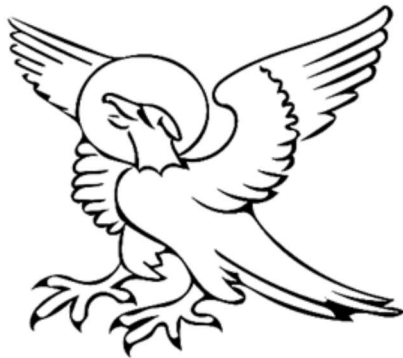


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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Last Sunday
after Pentecost:
The Reign of
Christ***

Nov 23rd, 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 – “*Angelus*” (Young)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

383 – “Jesus Shall Reign Where’re the Sun”

Greeting,

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Children’s Talk

Collect

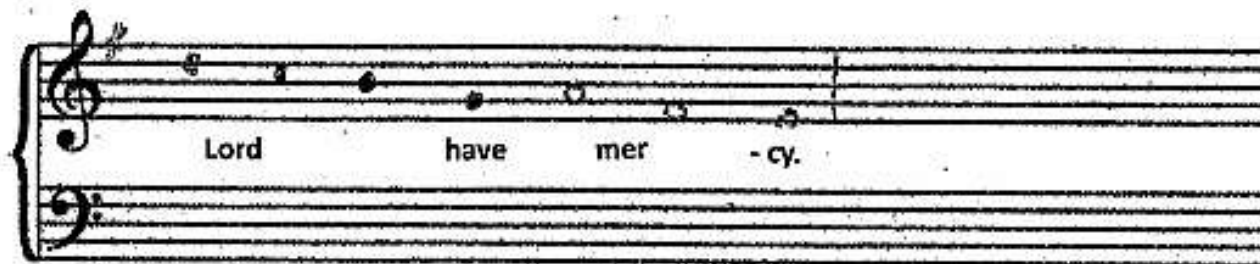
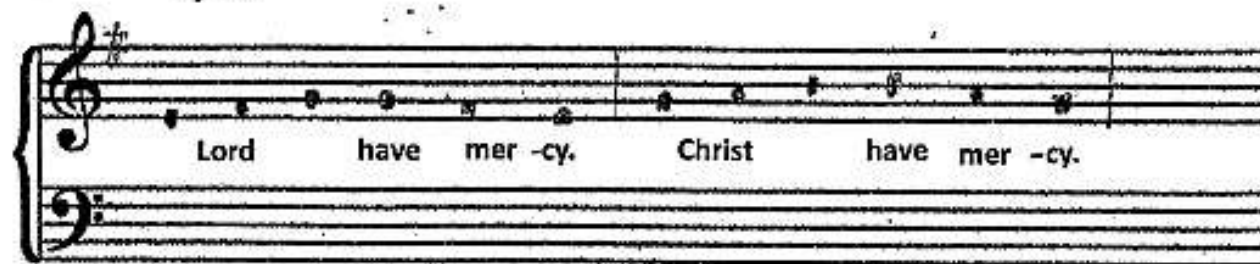
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Purity

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The Kyrie *Sung as printed here.*

Kyrie



Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King,
grant that the peoples of the earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together
under his gentle and loving rule;
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 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle – “The *Song of Zechariah*”(11 – Blessed Be the God of Israel)**Tune**
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Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David’s tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with a mighty arm
God would turn our enemies
and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall:
the oath once sworn to Abraham,
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
before God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord,
you will prepare the way,
to tell God’s people they are saved
from sin’s eternal sway.
Then shall God’s mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has

rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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 23:33-43

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

Eternal God,
by your grace you have raised us up
and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and lead us in those good works
for which you have created us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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.
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, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written 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.

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

$\text{♩} = 60$ F Gm⁷ Dm Gm⁷ C⁷ F

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.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 60. The chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the bass staff. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system ends with a repeat sign. The third system ends with a repeat sign. The fourth system ends with a repeat sign.

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

520 – *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

52 – *"O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near"*

Hymn after Communion – *"I Am the Bread of Life"* (see insert)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
you have made us a royal priesthood
in the kingdom of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Make known his victory through us, we pray,
that all the world may see his light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

154 – *"Joy to the World"*

Dismissal

Postlude – *"Jesus Shall Reign"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Please note that Lois Arkell will be away November 19th – December 6th. If you have questions or concerns during Lois' absence, please contact Tammy Mulrooney.****

NEW, Mid-Week Coffee Hour! *Wednesdays at 11:00am* –

Everyone is welcome to join our additional coffee hour where we can enjoy great coffee and fellowship. All are welcome! If you love coffee, if you like coffee, if you don't like coffee, please come out!

We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit works in this new fellowship time. We hope new friendships are formed and positive connections are made.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Porter or Thomas.

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***. For further information or to sign up, please contact Wendy at: w.wearl@hotmail.com.

Sounds of Christmas – *Sunday, November 23rd, at 6.00pm*, at Bethel Pentecostal. This is a fundraiser for The Salvation Army and our music ministry will perform.

Advent Prayer Walk – *Sunday, November 30th, at 4.00pm* – *The walk will start at St. Francis de Salles Roman Catholic Church, and end at St. John's Anglican Church.*

Each year several of the churches in the Smiths Falls town centre organise a candle-lit Advent Prayer walk. We will be walking past and praying at as many of the downtown churches as we can, and singing Christmas and Advent hymns and carols as we go. At the end, there will be warm drinks, and warm friendships. Please join us!

PRAY K7A – As the fall continues, we're hoping for good weather on the last Sunday of November. 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, **November 30th at 7:00 pm, we'll gather at Calvary Bible Church, 15 Beech Street.** 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.

Games Night (first Friday of the month) – December 5th at 5.30pm – Potluck dinner, St. John's Hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck meal and stay for some games and crafts. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Porter at: lporter1295@gmail.com.

"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 pm)** 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. 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.

Pastoral Care Request UPDATE regarding the Christmas gift bags, gift cards and cookies. We have received enough gift bags for this year. Thank you to all who have given us the bags. We have changed out gifts this year to more money going into the gift cards and less into the actual gifts. We will give gift cards (using the \$2,000.00 from the Outreach Committee) to those at Shardon Manor and Victoria House.

Over →

We **still need**: Christmas cards (by Nov. 23) and lots of cookies (by Dec. 7th), and we will also need your help on the following two occasions:

1. **Sunday Nov 23rd after the 10am service** to assemble the 42 cookie boxes plus write personal messages in the 80 Christmas cards; and
2. **Wednesday Dec 10 at 6.30pm** in the hall to pack the 42 cookie boxes.

This outreach is from ALL OF U at St. John's so please consider helping out on one or both of these times. We so very much appreciate your help.

Canadian Church Calendars for Sale – Please pick up your copy of the Canadian Church Calendar for **\$7.00**. Copies can be found at the back of the church in the Canterbury room and there is an envelope for your purchase (cash or cheque only). The calendars are going quickly, so be sure to secure your copy.

The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Grace Kelso by her husband Clair and her daughters Charis and Felica on the 100th anniversary of her birth.

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. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis*/Pat Lee
Reader/Intercessor: Karen Bryan
Greeters: Gail Brennan & Linda Coleman
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Nov 30, 2025 ~
IS 2:1-5; PS 122; ROM 13:11-14; MT 24:36-44

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Thursday 1 – 4 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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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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