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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***First Sunday
of Advent***

Nov 30th, 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 – *"Lullay Thou Little Tiny Child"* (arr. Young)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

89 – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Greeting,

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Children's Talk

Collect

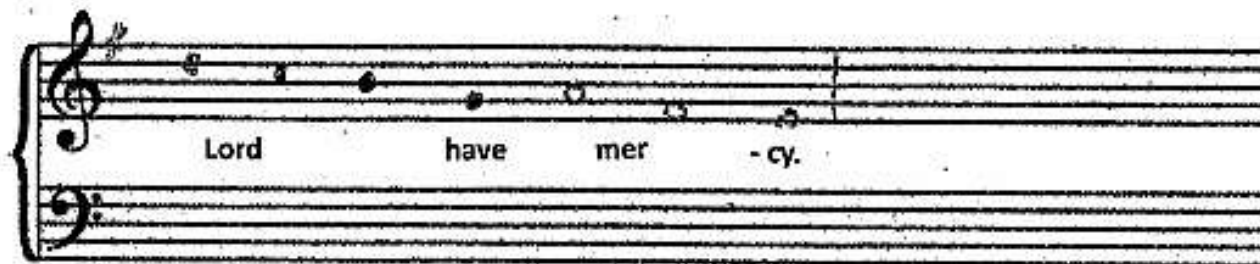
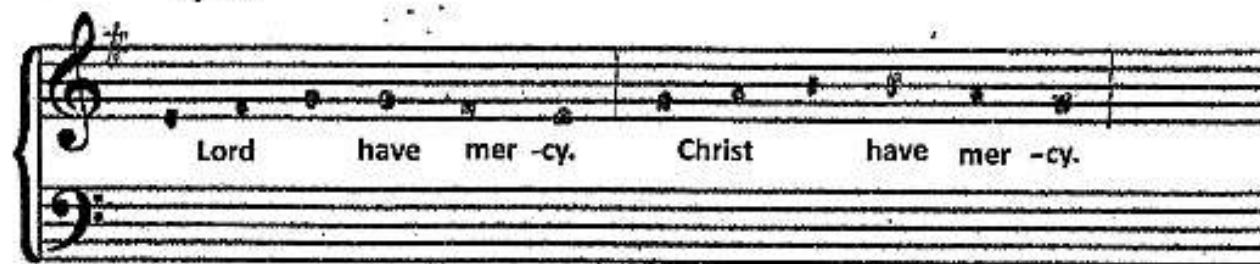
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Purity

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The Kyrie *Sung as printed here.*

Kyrie



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 122

Tune 70

Jerusalem: with what great joy
I heard them say, "Let us go there!"
And now at last we take our stand
Within her gates to make our prayer.

Jerusalem: a city built
To be a place of unity;
The tribes go up, the tribes of God,
To praise God's Name eternally.

Jerusalem: within your walls
The thrones of justice serve God's will;
The ancient thrones of David's house
Stand and unite God's people still.

Jerusalem: pray for her peace:
"May all who love you find success;
Peace be to all within your walls,
And in your towers be quietness."

Jerusalem: for comrades' sake
My prayers for you will never cease;
Because God's house is standing here,
I pray forever for your peace.

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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



Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you

do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon

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Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

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People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Offertory Hymn *Jesus"*

88 – *"Come, Thou Long-expected*

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

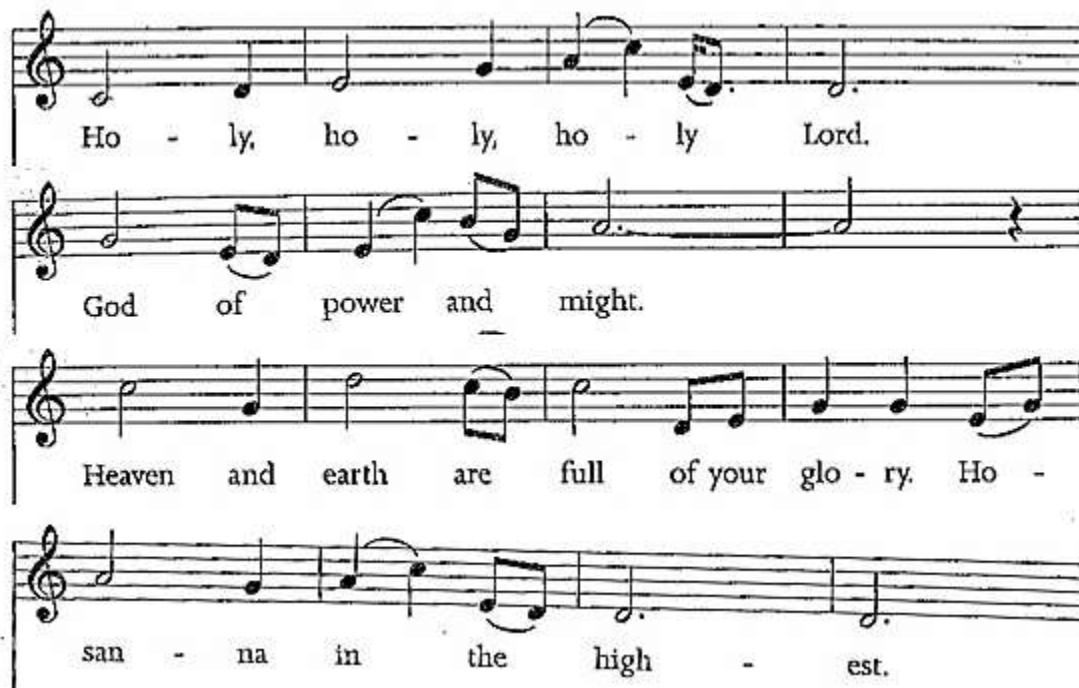
God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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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 5

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Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called

to supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *Sung as printed here.*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a first ending bracket over the final two measures, which then lead into the third staff. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

O lamb of God that ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, Have
mer - cy u - pon us. O us. O lamb of God that
ta - kest a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

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

93 – *"You Servants of the Lord"* (Tune 350)

117 – *"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming"*

Choir Anthem (Please remain seated) – *"Of Eternal Love Begotten"*

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

97 – *"Jesus Came, the Heavens*

Adoring"

Dismissal

Postlude – *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* (arr. Young)

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.****

Winter Gear Giveaway – Thank you to all those who provided donations of various pieces of winter gear (coats, hat, mitts, gloves, and boots)! We couldn't have done this without your help. Thank you all for being part of this new initiative at St. John's.

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.

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 still need:** Lots of cookies (by Dec. 7th), and we will also need your help on the following date: **Wednesday Dec 10th at 6.30pm** in the hall to pack the 42 cookie boxes. This outreach is from ALL OF US at St. John's, so please consider helping out on one or both of these times. We so very much appreciate your help.

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.

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. Jim Roberts
Communion Assistant: Mike McCulloch*/Pat Lee
Reader/Intercessor: Andrew Howard
Greeters: Donna Howard & Paul Howard
Altar Guild: Debbie Lewis & Ila Bennett
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Dec 7, 2025 ~
IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-7, 18-19; ROM 15:4-13; MT 3:1-12

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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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