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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Second Sunday
of Advent***

Dec 7th, 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 – *"All My Heart this Night Rejoices"* (arr. Young)

Announcements

Processional (Opening) Hymn

101 – "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Greeting

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Children's Talk

Collect

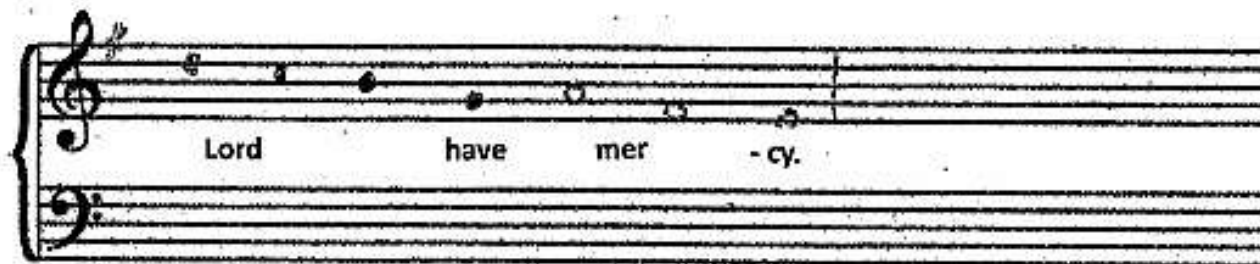
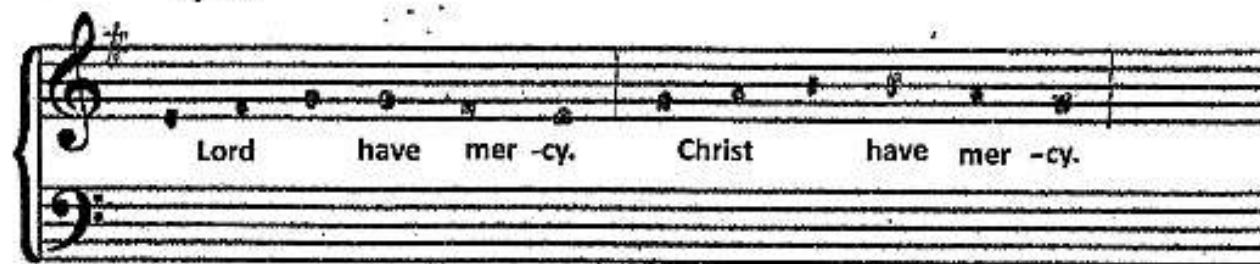
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Purity

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The Kyrie *Sung as printed here.*

Kyrie



Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-

10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be

full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 72

Tune 224/Richmond

Send us, O God, the King whose reign
Will make your justice known;
Let him deal fairly with your land,
The poor, and all your own.

Let every mountain, every hill,
Bring righteousness and peace;
Let him defend the needy poor,
Make all oppression cease.

So long as sun and moon endure
Let him, O Lord, remain;
Let him come down as showers, Lord,
And as refreshing rain.

Let peace and righteousness increase
Till moons shall be no more,
And let him have dominion, Lord,
And reign from shore to shore.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in

accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 *Bank"*

103 – "On Jordan's

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
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.

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. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases extending across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes. The score concludes with a double bar line on the eighth staff.

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.*

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

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

96 – *"Creator of the Stars of Night"*(Tune 700)

98 – *"Hark the Glad Sound!"*

Choir Anthem (Please remain seated) – *"Born in the Night"*(Ainger)

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Doxology

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

114 – *"Lo, He Comes with Clouds*

Descending"

Dismissal

Postlude – *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* (arr. Young)

Rest in Peace, Reta Troop –

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved sister in faith, Reta Troop. Reta died on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, and will be much missed by her family and her many friends, both within the church, and in the broader community. Reta's family have arranged a private service in Arnprior. Our prayers for peace and comfort remain with the Troop family, and with them we pray:

May Reta, with all the saints, rest in peace and rise in glory.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lessons and Carols – Sunday, December 14th, at 7.00pm – Please join us for an evening of the Story; sing the songs. This will be an evening of Lessons and Carols with Trinity United Church choir, Beginnings, and St John the Evangelist choir. Prepare to enjoy a festive evening celebrating the upcoming Birth of Christ.

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: wendy.earl75@yahoo.com.

Pastoral Care Request UPDATE – We are still in need of: cookies (by Dec. 7th), and we will also need your help on the following date to pack the 42 cookie boxes: **Wednesday Dec 10th at 6.30pm**. We will be meeting in the hall to pack the boxes up. This outreach is from ALL OF US at St. John's, so please consider helping. We so very much appreciate your help.

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. Dr. Thomas Brauer
Communion Assistant: Chris Elmsley/Pat Lee
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young
Altar Guild: Terri Marsden & Deane Sawchuk
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl
Readings for next Sunday, Dec 14, 2025 ~
IS 35:1-10; C18; JAS 5:7-10; MT 11:2-11

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Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon

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*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June

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