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# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



***Second Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany***

Sung Eucharist ~ 10 a.m.  
Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# 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

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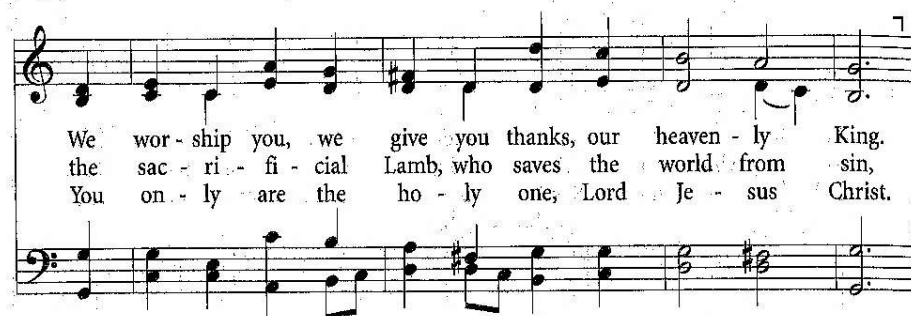
*Sung as printed here.*

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**

Almighty God,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world.  
May your people,  
illuminated by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **Reading Acclamation: *Ancient Words***

Holy words long preserved, for our walk in this world.  
They resound with God's own heart, oh let the Ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world where e'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us Home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts, oh let the Ancient words impart.

### **First Reading**

**Isaiah 49:1-**

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Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's

womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 40 (vs. 1-10)**

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Tune

I waited patiently on God,  
He stooped and heard my plea;  
And from the pit, the mire and  
clay,  
My Savior lifted me.

High on a cliff he set my feet,  
Made safe my traveling;  
And placed a new song in my  
mouth,

A song of praise to sing.

Many shall see and stand in awe,  
And trust the Lord for aid;  
Happy are they who trust in him,  
Not gods their hands have  
made.

Great things, indeed, O Lord my  
God,  
Are they that you have done;  
How great your wonders and your  
plans;  
Who is like you? Not one.

If only I could tell your deeds,  
But who can know them all?  
You ask no sacrifice or gift,  
But ears to hear your call.

Burnt-offering you have not  
required  
And therefore, for my part,  
I said, "I come to do your will;  
Your word is in my heart."

Your righteousness before your  
own  
I have been bold to show;  
Nor did I yet restrain my lips  
And that, O Lord, you know.

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 1:1-**

### **9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our  
brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those  
who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all  
those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

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## **Holy Gospel**

**John 1:29-42**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

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

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where



he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

**All:** Gracious God, by whose spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Duet – Karen Bryan and Trish Warren**

## ***"The Huron Carol"***

*Lyrics used with permission by Chrystal Shawanda*

Have courage all you human beings  
Jesus has come  
The spirits in the sky have words  
to share with everyone.  
They've come here with exalted voice  
Saying Mary's given birth, Rejoice!  
Jesous Ahatonhia, Jesus is born, Jesous Ahatonhia

Three men of great authority  
Left for the Sacred place.  
T'is then the star appeared to lead them  
On their path with grace.  
And somewhere far from where He lay  
The Star, to them said, "come this way".

Jesous Ahatonhia, Jesus is born, Jesus Ahatonhia

With sunflower oil they rubbed His scalp  
Anointing his head.  
The elders said, "The spirits wish  
Your love for everyone.  
And Jesus, how we want to see  
A people as one family".

Jesous Ahatonhia, Jesus is born, Jesus Ahatonhia  
In excelsis gloria

## **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**  
*Promised"*

**438** – "O Jesus, I Have

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Living God,  
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.  
May we hear his word and follow it,  
and live as children of light.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a period. The second staff ends with a semibreve. The third staff ends with a dash. The fourth staff ends with a period. The fifth staff ends with a dash. The sixth staff ends with a dash. The seventh staff ends with a dash. The eighth staff 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 6

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Celebrant: We break the bread of life,  
And that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## 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 begins with a first ending bracket and ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues the melody and 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 – Beginnings - (*see insert*)

***"He Shall Reign Forevermore"***

***"I Trust Jesus"***

***"Travel On, Dear Friends"***

## Prayer after Communion

God of glory,  
you nourish us with bread from heaven.  
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,  
that through us your light may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology

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## The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn – 393 – *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"***

## Dismissal

**Postlude – *"Echo Noël" (D'Aquin)***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Smiths Falls Food Bank** – Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. Donations will be collected and delivered to the Food Bank during the week following ***the third Sunday of each month***. Any and all donations of dry and canned goods are greatly appreciated! Any questions can be directed to Debbie Lewis at 613.284.6111.

**Pray K7A** – As we start off a new year, we will be holding our first Pray K7A meeting at Bethel Pentecostal Church (301 County Rd. 29) ***at 7.00pm on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026***. As always, all are welcome to join us as we pray together for Smiths Falls and the surrounding area.

**Candlemas Evensong** – Please join us for an afternoon of music and song with St. John's Choir on ***Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 4.00pm***.

**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!

**Annual Vestry Meeting** – Our Annual Vestry Meeting is coming soon. Wardens, Dan and Lois, ask contributors to submit reports for the Vestry circular to the parish office ***by Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026***. Electronic submissions (not pdf) would be most appreciated. A template for submissions can be provided if you contact the church office. (stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com).

**Games Night** – The next Games Night will be held on ***Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5.30pm***, and we will be doing a Potluck feast (bring along something tasty to share with the group). The meal will be followed by various games and/or crafts. Mark your calendars and join us for some fun! Donations are always welcome.

**Parish Administration – Vestry** – Pat Lee, Dan Willis and Lois Arkell are accepting nominations for Parish Council, Synod and the Deputy People's Warden positions. Please speak with them about these opportunities to participate in parish administration **before Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Elections will take place at the Vestry meeting. Thank you.

**Canadian Church Calendars for Sale** – Please pick up your copy of the Canadian Church Calendar for **\$7.00**. The last few 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).

**2026 Offering Envelopes** – The 2026 weekly giving envelopes are now at the back of church, sorted alphabetically. If you do not see your name or I have missed someone, please let me know. As well, there are extra boxes of envelopes if you or someone you know would like a set. – Tammy Mulrooney, Envelope Secretary.

Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Preacher: Rev. Canon Jim Roberts  
Communion Assistant: Mike McCullough\*/Pat Lee  
Reader/Intercessor: Trish Warren  
Greeters: Ron Watt & Doreen Watt  
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Readings for next Sunday, Jan 25, 2026 ~  
IS 9:1-4; PS 27:1,5-13; 1 COR 1:10-18; MT 4:12-23



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**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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