

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

SMITHS FALLS | 175 YEARS | 1849-2024



***Third Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany***

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

Jan 25<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

**Prelude – "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose"**  
(Burns)

**Announcements**

**Processional  
(Opening) Hymn**  
**498 – "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place"**

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**Children's Talk**

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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**

Almighty God,  
by grace alone you call us  
and accept us in your service.  
Strengthen us by your Spirit,  
and make us worthy of your call;  
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**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 27 (vs. 5-11)**

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One thing alone I ask of God:  
To dwell in his most holy place,  
To seek him in his sacred courts  
And see his beauty face to face.

For he, when times of trouble  
come,  
Shall hide me in his secret place  
And set me high upon a rock  
Above my foes and keep me safe.

He lifts my head above my foes,  
Therefore I make my offering;  
With sounds of gladness I will  
come,  
Make music to the Lord and sing.

Hearken, my Savior, when I call;  
Have mercy on me, answer me;  
You say, "Seek me," within my  
heart;  
Your face will I seek constantly.

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided?

Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**



**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

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**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea,

in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **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.*

**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**  
*Me"*

**430 – "Will You Come and Follow**

## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Loving God,  
before the world began you called us.  
Make holy all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in that calling.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer 3**

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### **Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung*)**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.



Glory to You our God.

Blessed is He, Blessed are we, Blessed are all who come.  
Hosannas ring, Archangels sing,  
Blessed are all who come.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of pow'r and might  
Heaven and Earth are full of Your Light.  
Glory to You our God.

## 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. 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

**65** – *"Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread"*

**519** – *"The Lord's My Shepherd"*

**156** – *"The People That in Darkness Sat"*

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,  
our hands have taken holy things;  
our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.  
May we who have eaten at this holy table  
be strengthened for service in your world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Doxology

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## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn –

**525** – *"The Church's One"*

*Foundation"*

## Dismissal

## Postlude – *"Highland Cathedral"* (Korb/Roever)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**2025 tax receipts** - These are now available at the back of the church, sorted alphabetically. Please note that the Envelope Secretary will be mailing out some receipts for some visitors and persons who made memorial donations to the church. Thank you.

**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**.

**Monday Night Bible Study** – The current study of the book, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor is winding down. It has been such a meaningful study. Barbara Brown Taylor has a gentle yet pointed way of using real life examples in challenging our faith. Now onto the next study more directly connected to the Bible. It will be of the book, Romans for Everyone, Part 1: 20th Anniversary Edition with Study Guide, Chapters 1-8 by N. T. Wright. Meetings are on Zoom at 7.15pm on Monday nights. Everyone is welcome! Please let Laura in the Church office know if you are interested. Any questions, please ask Sue Norman at 613 283-5053. Hope to see you **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**, at the first meeting!

**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 by contacting the Parish Office (stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com).

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**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.

**BBBS Lanark County Bowling Fundraiser** – The Holy Terriers are ready to raise money and bowl for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lanark County 2026.

Sign up sheets for bowlers and pledge sheets are at each of the entrances to the church. If you would like to raise pledges yourself, please talk to Terry Dillabough or call the office to get a pledge sheet. Bowling to take place in the ***afternoon of Saturday February 28<sup>th</sup> 2026***, at Gratton Lanes, conveniently located at the Chambers Street Shopping Centre.

**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.

**Choir** - For those of you that love music, take the opportunity to join the Choir. Practices are held ***Friday and Saturday mornings at 10am***. For further information or to sign up, please contact Wendy at: [w.wearl@hotmail.com](mailto:w.wearl@hotmail.com).

**Canadian Church Calendars for Sale** – Please pick up your copy of the Canadian Church Calendar for **\$7.00**. The last copy 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 flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matthew Walker who passed 1 year ago today, January 25, 2025, by his mother, Heather and his brother David.*



Presiding Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Communion Assistant: Kathy Porter\*  
Reader/Intercessor: Cindy Penman  
Greeters: Carl Young & Beryl Young  
Altar Guild: Kathy Porter & Lois Arkell  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Readings for next Sunday, Feb 1, 2026 ~  
MIC 6:1-8; PS 15; 1 COR 1:18-31; MT 5:1-12



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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

The Reverend Dr. Thomas Brauer, Presiding Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Canon Brian Burrows – Honorary Assistant

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