

Diocese of Ottawa • Anglican Church of Canada

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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***Fifth Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany***

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

Feb 8<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 – "The Rose"**  
(McBroom)

**Announcements**

**Processional  
(Opening) Hymn**  
565 – "Guide Me, O Thou  
Great Jehovah"

**Greeting, p.185**

**Children's Talk**

**Collect for Purity,  
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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**

Merciful Lord,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 58:1-9A**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their  
sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as  
if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake  
the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they  
delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your  
own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you  
fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such  
fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is  
such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down  
the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call  
this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I  
choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the  
yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not  
to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into  
your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide  
yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the

dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 112

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Tune

Hallelujah! Happy are they  
Whose joy is God's  
command;  
Their children will be always  
blessed

And mighty in the land.

Riches and wealth will bless  
their house,

Their justice will endure,  
And they are merciful. Light  
shines

In darkness for the pure.

In justice do they rule their lives  
And freely do they lend;  
Unshaken they, their memory  
Is treasured without end.

In God they put their trust;  
Their heart secure, they will not  
shrink

Until their foes are crushed.

The righteous spread their gifts  
abroad,

Give freely to the poor;  
With honor will their heads be  
raised;

Their justice will endure.

The wicked will see all these  
things

And rage and pine away;  
Their anger and their base  
desires

Will perish in a day.

Heart firm, they fear no evil  
news;

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-

### 12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:13-20**

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**

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the

kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ

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

## **Sermon**

**Anthem** *502 – "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"*

**Nicene Creed** **p.**  
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## **Prayers of the People**

***All:** Almighty God, giver of all good gifts: look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful servant, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Confession and Absolution** **p.**  
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**The Peace** **p.**  
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*People may greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

**Offertory Hymn** **617 – "Jesus, the Very Thought of  
Thee"**



# THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

## Prayer over the Gifts

God of compassion and forgiveness,  
receive our offering this day,  
and make us one with him who is our peace,  
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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.

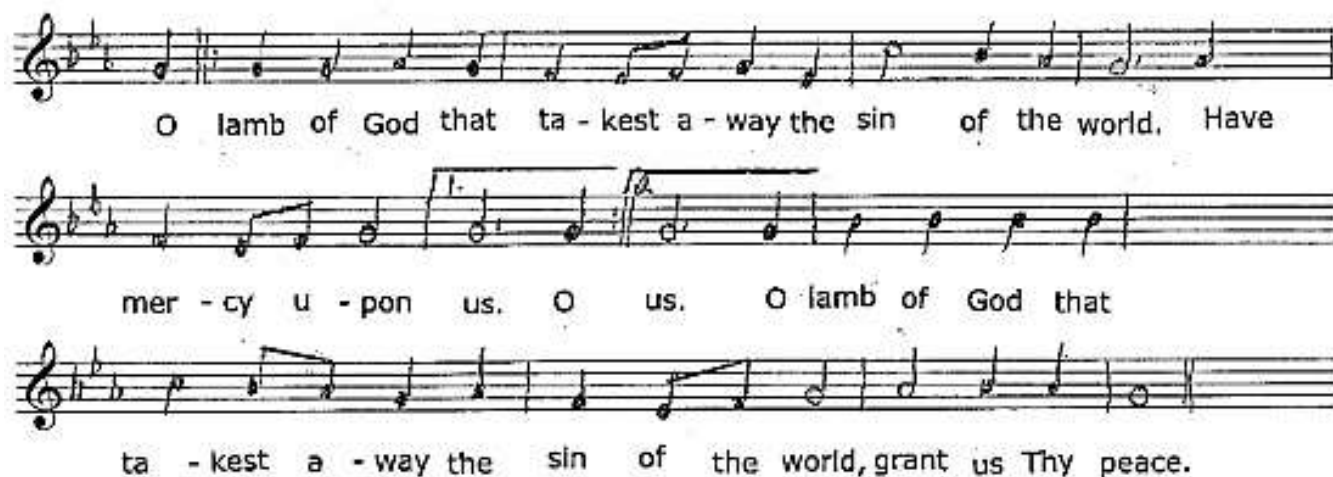
## **Breaking of the Bread 6**

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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.*



## **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**

**80** – *"We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus"*

**84** – *"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour"*

**508** – *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Eternal God,  
in you we find peace beyond all telling.  
May we who share in this heavenly banquet  
be instruments of your peace on earth,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Doxology**

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**The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn – 306 – "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (arr. Smith)**

**REMINDER:**

Please feel free to return your palms (branches and crosses) from last year to the church, in preparation for making the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

**A Polite Notice about leaving after the service....**

A surprising number of people have asked about "proper etiquette" at the end of a service. Some people get up right away, some gather in groups to catch up, some depart immediately. Others like to sit and pray, or remain seated to listen to the organist's postlude. So, the questioner asked, what is the polite thing to do?

First, there are no hard and fast rules. If you need to get up and go, then you should absolutely feel free to do that, however, please be aware that others are using that time for quiet prayer, contemplation, or musical enjoyment - so perhaps keep chatting to a minimum. Secondly, organists often use the postlude to display the range and capabilities of the instrument. It is a wonderful show of support and encouragement when people take the time to listen and appreciate

the music they provide. So, whatever you need to do at the end of the service, do your best to honour the needs of others as well.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**Annual Vestry Meeting** – Our Annual Vestry Meeting will take place **on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, following the 10.00am service**. 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](mailto:stjohns.smithsfalls@gmail.com)).

**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 on **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, following the 10.00am service.

**Smith Falls Food Bank** – Collection baskets are at the North and South doors of the Church. Please consider making a contribution, which will be collected after the third Sunday of each month, and delivered to the Food Bank. Please see Deb Lewis for more information, or contact her at 613.284.6111. Thank you for your support.

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**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 28th 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).

**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.

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Preacher: Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer  
Communion Assistant: Kevin Lewis\*  
Reader/Intercessor: Karen Bryan  
Greeters: Gail Brennan & Linda Coleman  
Altar Guild: Ruth Anderson & Jessica Coughlan  
Organist: Wendy Stokes-Earl  
Readings for next Sunday, Feb 15, 2026 ~  
DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14; PSALM 99; 2 PETER 1:16-19; LUKE 9:28-36



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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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